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ABBREVIATIONS

B.G.A.S.	Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archæological Society.
B.R.S.	Bristol Record Society.
C.C.P.	Common Council Proceedings.
C.S.P.	Calendar of State Papers.
C.T.D.	City Treasurer's Department, Bristol.
C.R.L.	Central Reference Library, Bristol.
T.C.D.	Town Clerk's Department, Bristol.

PREFACE

As it was impossible, owing to the length of the volume, to print the whole of the transcription, we have calendared some of the entries.

In making the transcription, we have followed the rules set out in the previous volume of *Depositions*.

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INTRODUCTION

A DETAILED account of the reasons for taking depositions and their relation to local court records will be found in the Introduction to the first volume.[1]

This second volume of Depositions covers the years 1650–1654, leaving a gap of three years, for which no volume is extant, between it and the first. It contains a blank page, followed by a page with words and erasures, then 430 pages of writing, followed by twenty-six blank ones, and ends with three pages of certificates or " letters of health " to ships. At the end is a loose page with two or more certificates and some scribbling. It is bound in rough brown calf, which is obviously not the original binding as the end-papers carry a watermark " Wells & Warren 1828." The handwriting changes several times and the spelling is very variable, particularly that of place-names and surnames. The forms of the depositions are similar to those in the earlier volume.

The statements are roughly in chronological order, and it is interesting to note that by far the largest number (201) were made in the last twelve months of the period, that is, from September, 1653, to September, 1654. There are ninety-two entries from September, 1650, to September, 1651; ninety-four in the next twelve months, and only sixty between September, 1652, and September, 1653.

As one would expect the depositions reflect much of the unsettled spirit of the times, a period when Royalist partisans were still active and Parliament was struggling to establish the supremacy it had won. Many of the statements contain references to the Civil War, and at least forty-five have a direct relationship to it. There are over 100 depositions which deal with business transactions of all kinds, but the largest number, some 200, are about shipping. The remaining few are miscellaneous, covering such varying subjects as the administration of estates, the sale of property, accusations of witchcraft and bribery, false claims of marriage, and many deeds of violence.

That there should be so many depositions dealing with shipping serves to emphasize Bristol's position as a trading centre. Vessels sailed regularly to France, Spain, Portugal and the Mediterranean,

[1] *B.R.S.*, vol. vi.

and to many places across the Atlantic, such as Newfoundland, West Indies, Barbadoes and Virginia. There was also a flourishing coastal trade, and, in spite of the uncertainty of the political situation, a constant interchange of goods with Ireland.

Most of the entries deal with such matters as bad voyages and loss of vessels; faulty stowage of cargo and disappearance of goods; disputes over ownership and payments; and, last but by no means least, piracy and violence on the high seas. The list of valuables entered in one statement as having been taken from the passengers and crew of a captured Dutch vessel makes interesting reading. Such items as silver cups, spoons, jugs and kettles are listed, as well as a large quantity of money and jewellery. If this is typical of what might be found on such vessels then they were rich prizes indeed.[1]

Trading must have been seriously disorganized by the outbreaks of plague which were frequent during this period. In November, 1652, an edict was made by Council that all goods coming to the city must be "aired" for a time at Hollow Backs, near the mouth of the Avon, before being brought into the city.[2] Two of the depositions provide evidence of the delays and difficulties caused by such "airings."[3] Further delays must have been caused by vessels having to wait for certificates or "letters of health" to be issued to them, before they could proceed on their voyages. Copies of a number of these certificates appear at the end of the volume and give details of tonnage, destinations, masters and cargoes.[4]

Amongst several references to the slave trade is a statement by Robert Yeamans, one of the most prominent Bristol merchants of the time, concerning the treatment of two negroes that he had bought for £30. He denies any ill-treatment or use of force, and states that he spent £20 in fitting them out, and then, at their own request, indentured them for several years to serve him in Spain, where he, like many other Bristolians, had estates.[5]

Another deposition records the confiscation by the Governor of Virginia of a number of "servants" from a vessel which was held up at Jamestown on account of disputed ownership. He made no

[1] pp. 169–172.

[2] *C.C.P.*, *04264(8)*, fo. 41.

[3] pp. 30 and 32.

[4] p. 480 *et seq.*

[5] p. 81.

payment for them on the grounds that no one had been able to prove ownership satisfactorily.[1]

That Bristolians were not above selling their own countrymen into slavery is shown by one series of depositions, which supply an almost complete story of a Bristol youth of eighteen who boarded a ship in the Avon, and persuaded the crew to take him to Barbadoes. Once there, two of the crew calmly traded the youth for tobacco, in spite of his protests that he was a "gentleman's sonn." Later, a Bristol doctor deposes that at the request of the boy's widowed mother he himself had made enquiries when in Barbadoes, and discovered the youth in a very bad physical state, showing obvious signs of beating and ill-treatment. He was unable to free him from his master, however, because of "the laws of the Island." A case was brought by the mother in Bristol for the release of the boy, but we do not learn the result.[2]

Many of the depositions about the Civil War are simply statements of the loyalty of certain Bristolians to Parliament, supported in many cases by a recital of what the man had actually done to help by furnishing arms, money or horses. It is interesting to notice that, by 1650, Thomas Colston, formerly an ardent Royalist and colonel of the trained bands, who later saved himself by very prompt conformity to Parliament, was sufficiently well re-established to make a public statement admitting his own Royalist activities, while defending another man against such an accusation.[3]

There are numerous claims for money lent to Parliament, most of it in pursuance of an Order issued in 1642. References are made to a total of £3,000 advanced by citizens, of which only £1,000 had been repaid ten years later.[4] Most of the claims are for small amounts, and are made by the ordinary people, to whom no doubt a speedy repayment was an urgent matter. An outstanding claim which was allowed was that of The Company of Innholders for nearly £1,000 for the quartering of soldiers.[5]

There is frequent mention of the disturbed condition of Ireland and the warring of Royalist and anti-British factions. An interesting reference is made in one deposition to the Irish "Tories," the

[1] p. 9.

[2] p. 373, pp. 392–393, and p. 422

[3] p. 18.

[4] pp. 313–325.

[5] p. 293.

word being used in its original sense of "outlaws of professedly royalist tendencies."[1] Complaint that he had suffered loss when he and all other English residents had been turned out of the city of Waterford in March, 1641, was made by a Bristol tobacco-pipe-maker. He adds that certain exceptions were made in the case of men skilled in trades in which the Irish themselves were not expert. It seems likely that the Englishmen concerned were those who had migrated to Waterford in 1620, when Charles I granted a Corporation to the city, on the understanding that a number of English craftsmen were allowed to settle there. Bristol was one of the cities to which the King appealed to provide volunteers. Latimer comments on this and states that there is no record of such a migration, but from this deposition it would appear that a certain number did accede to the King's request, but that they were not popular with the inhabitants, who took the first opportunity to turn them out.[2] The story of an Irishman who took cattle belonging to his English neighbour, with the excuse that he would keep them safe for him from the "Irish rebels," shows again how the English were treated in Ireland at this time.[3]

Nor were many of the English any more popular in Portugal. There is a series of depositions relating to the confiscation of merchants' goods and the imprisonment of the owners or their representatives. The men concerned were all Parliamentarians, and the action was taken against them in pursuance of an edict made by the King of Portugal in 1650. Many Bristol merchants seem to have had large interests in the country, and this confiscation must have been a serious blow to them.[4]

There is much variety in the depositions dealing with trade in the city, and some of them are of added interest in that, besides providing lists of commodities and their prices they contain in the margin copies of the merchants' marks which were used.[5] There are two statements dealing with the hard treatment meted out to "foreigners." One concerns three men trading in Bristol as tailors, who were forced to deliver up all garments they had made to the Master and Wardens of the Taylors' Company, because they

[1] p. 160.

[2] p. 230.

[3] p. 275.

[4] pp. 7, 12, 13, 181.

[5] pp. 305–310.

were "foreigners." Apparently the handing over did not take place too peaceably and a brawl ensued.[1] The other statement shows that Bristol merchants themselves suffered from the restrictions imposed upon foreigners. A Bristol linen-draper, travelling to West Chester fair, stayed on the way at a Hereford inn. While there a local merchant asked him the price of a certain roll of cloth. He named one, and, because as a stranger he had no right to fix prices, another Hereford merchant promptly confiscated the cloth.[2]

Towards the end of the volume there is a series of long depositions concerning the honesty and integrity of Richard Locke, a prominent Bristol merchant, who had fallen on evil days and was then in prison for debt. His plight was due, partly to his having been swindled by another merchant, and partly to the refusal of Parliament to repay him for goods and ships confiscated from him, in spite of his avowed goodwill towards them. A copy of a letter received from the man who had swindled him is included, and makes an interesting study in duplicity.[3]

Among the miscellaneous subjects there is a reference to an accusation of witchcraft;[4] and another to a minister who was described as a "false forsworne man" because he had accused someone of being "drunke in hart."[5]

Mention is made of the mayor's appointment of guardians for orphans.[6] This particular obligation had been placed on the mayor by Charter in 1331,[7] and he continued to fulfil it until the end of the seventeenth century, when it seems to have lapsed. Records of the administration are preserved in the city archives, and furnish much valuable information about Bristol families.[8]

Violence in various forms seems to have been an everyday feature of the city's life. One graphic statement describes how a tobacco-pipe-maker, named John Fox, was visited by the sergeants of his Company, who were to take a distress. Fox seized a knife and threatened to kill them, but only succeeded in stabbing

[1] p. 25.

[2] p. 177.

[3] pp. 409–418.

[4] p. 21.

[5] p. 64.

[6] pp. 28, 29, 65.

[7] *Royal Charters and Letters Patent;* 12 January, 4 Edward III, *01249 (1–2)*.

[8] *C.T.D.; Courts; Great Court of Orphans, 04421(1–3)*.

his own wife in the hand. He then snatched up a " pair of prongs " and swore " to be the death of them." The statement concludes rather lamely that this behaviour " hath bin a greate hindraunce & trouble in the aforesaid Commission."[1] Another very vividly expressed deposition tells of the beating up of a man by two others who had followed him. They beat him " with a great cane . . . in so much that they broake his leg to peeces " and then made off leaving him " on the ground to languish." The cause of this ill-treatment is not stated, though it seems to have been the outcome of a dispute in a tavern.[2]

That some influential citizens were allowed a good deal of licence is shown by the deposition concerning Christopher Whitson. In the time of his mayoralty in 1626 he was actually allowed to pull down and alter part of the next dwelling in order to enlarge his own entrance and make it more imposing. Apparently some kind of temporary permission was extracted from the occupants, though even that was disputed, and, twenty-five years later, the unhappy owners were still trying to get the erection pulled down and their room restored to them.[3]

A very pathetic statement deals with the case of an unhappy woman who contracted plague while pregnant. Her husband could not persuade anyone to stay with her, in spite of an offer of five shillings, and was apparently afraid to do so himself. So she was completely alone when she gave birth to a premature child. The child died, and the woman was later found " in a very sad and distracted condition " by someone who eventually found courage to venture in.[4]

There is one deposition which shows how arbitration was employed to settle a dispute over the ownership of land. The two parties agreed " by changing twelve pence each to the other " to refer the matter to four chosen arbitrators, and if they failed to reach agreement, it was to be referred to an umpire.[5]

One interesting series of statements tells of a dispute over the election of members of Parliament in July, 1654. After Robert Aldworth and Miles Jackson had been elected, objections were raised by their opponents, John Haggett and George Bishop, on

[1] p. 107.
[2] p. 246.
[3] p. 201.
[4] p. 365.
[5] p. 57

whose behalf a petition was presented to Parliament, though, according to Latimer, nothing further was heard of it. It is worth noting that there is no reference at all to this dispute in the Common Council Proceedings, but the Deposition book contains lists of those who voted for each side and various other supporting documents.[1]

The few examples quoted will serve to illustrate the varied contents of the volume. The unfinished and often fragmentary nature of the depositions leaves much to the imagination, but, as was stressed in the Introduction to the first volume, their great value lies in the picture they present of the times, and in the mass of information they contain concerning the ordinary everyday life and occupations of the citizens. They have, too, a very human and often naïve quality not usually associated with official records.

[1] pp. 401–407.

THE TEXT

Jonathan Taylor Jonathan
xijth of August

Robert Elton & Susanna his wife agt William
Baber thelder thelder assgt., d and Cts[1].

[1] There are numerous lines and scratchings, words having been written and then crossed out.

Hic liber incipit tempore Hugonis Bro [*wn*][1] Maior' xxx° die Septembris Anno D [*omini*][1] 1650

Ciuitas Bristoll'

Elinor Long
Robert Babham[1]

These may Certifie and make knowne to all whom It shall concerne, That this presente fitfh day of October 1650 Elinor Long of this Citty widow late the wife [of Richard Long *struck through*] and Executrix of the last will and testament of Richard Long late of this Citty merchant deceased, and Robert Bodham of this Citty sailmaker aged 35 yeares or thereaboutes came both personally before me Hugh Browne Esqre now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll in the Common place of Audience called the Tolsey of Bristoll and did both depose and make voluntary oathes taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God that at the tyme of the setting froth out of this Port of Bristoll of the good ship called the Richard and Francis of Bristoll of the burthen of 80 tons or thereaboutes whereof John Tucker was Master which was in or about the moneth of Aprill last past was twelue monethes (vizt) Anno 1649 then bound for a voyage to the Island of Barbadoes That att the same tyme the said Richard Long was owner of three eighth parts of the said shipp takle and Amonition and appurtenances which with his victualling the same did cost and amount vnto the summe of CC xxijli xs ijd sterling, And this was the adventure of the said Richard Long in the said shipp that voyage vpon all which there was never any ensurance had or taken by the said Richard Long or any other to his vse to the knowledge of these deponents but only by one policy of Ensurance made and registred in the Royall Exchange London[2] on the second day of Aprill Anno domini 1649; as may appeare Att the tyme of making whereof neither of these deponents nor the said Richard Long nor any other person for ought the [*y*] ever knew or heard of had any manner of intelligence of the said shipp and goods or what became of hir since hir setting out from the Barbadoes that voyage which was in the moneth of September last past was twelue monethes (vizt) Anno 1649 being full thirteene monethes sithence, All which etc

Ellioner Long
Robert Badham parte owner
of the said ship

Hu Browne Maior[3]

[1] Top corner of page torn away obliterating the ends of these words

[2] See *B.R.S.*, vol. vi, p. 35.

[3] For biographical notes see *B.R.S.* vol. vi, p. 245.

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Sept' .[1] The Agreivance of Roach Consalvis touching his late voyage in the Mary Rose etc

First the said Roch Consalvis having some conferrence with Mr. Tayte one of the part owners of the said shipp when she lay at the key of Bristoll before she went to sea and before sufficient [goods *struck through*] witnesses told the said Tayte that he did not beleeve that the said ship Mary Rose was not stanch betweene wind and water and that he the said Roch conceived it best for some Carpinters to be sett to worke to search it Whervpon the said Tayte replied that she needed noe such trouble for she was firme enough as may be proved by these wittnesses following

John Wood Edw: Boone
John Rolles John Prince

The 15th of March 1649 the said ship set saile out of Kingrode and the 17th [of *struck through*] she proved leeky betweene wind and water insomuch that there was found a foote and a halfe of water vpon the Cealing amongest the salt which spoyled a great quantity of salt and likewise of bread by reason of Leekidges wee were forct to pumpe all the way over bound sometymes with both and continually with one pumpe and were constrayned to beare lesse sayle then otherwise wee might have done soe that certen shipps which sett sayle out of Bristoll two daies after our shipp were in Country of Newfoundland a fortnight before vs or thereabouts and had 4 or 5000 fish to a boate before wee could be ready to fitt ourselves for worke which may be proved by these witnesses following

John Wood Edw: Boone
John Rolles John Prince

The aforesaid Roch Consolvis doth further say that before such tyme that he tooke any of the salt or bread or other goods ashore he desired Mr Rainsthorpe and Mr Loyd to goe aboard the ship Mary Rose to view what damage he had susteyned as they cann certifie more at large

John Wood Edw: Boone
John Rolles John Prince

[1] The writing preceding and following this word obliterated by tearing away of the top corner of page.

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

These may Certifie and make knowne to all whom it shall concerne that this present sixteenth day of October Anno domini 1650 John Gilford mariner and late Master of the shipp Swallow of Bristoll of the burthen of Fifty tonns or thereabouts in hir last voyage from this Port of Bristoll to Virginia and James Easton of this Citty of Bristoll merchant aged thirty three years or thereabouts came both personally before mee Hugh Browne Esqre now Maior of the said Citty in the common place of Audience called the Tolsey of Bristoll and did both depose and say vpon their Corporall oathes voluntarily taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God as followeth (vizt) first the said John Gilford for himselfe saith that about the beginning of the moneth of August last past was twelve monethes (vizt) Anno Domini 1649 he this deponent did sett sayle as Master in the said shipp [Swallow *struck through*] Swallow out of this Port of Bristoll for a voyage with hir to Virginia where they arrived about the first of October then following and on the 15th day of December then next following the said shipp sett sayle againe out of Virginia for a voyage homwards for the Port of Bristoll aforesaid but by meanes of contrary winds and fowle weather she was forced for safeguard of the companies lives and for safty of ship and goods into a harbour or place on the west of Ireland called Valentia where presently vpon their arrival they were surprised with boates and men that came aboard them with all the speed they could make to the number of a hundred and fifty persons or thereabouts and then with force and violence they seized on the said shipp and goods and tooke hir and made prize of all, and having stript this deponent and company of their cloathes and goods they turned them ashore without any thing to releive them this being the 25th day of January then next following after which this deponent and company shifted away and got home as sone as they could this deponent and some of the company coming home about the 16th of March last which was the first notice and tidings brought to this Citty what became of the said shipp after she first set sayle from Bristoll as aforesaid And the said James Easton for himselfe deposeth that at such tyme as this deponent caused ensurance to be made in London of seaventy and five pounds sterling vpon the said ship that voyage he had noe manner of intelligence of the[1] taking of the said shipp by the Irish nor was there any rumor or suspicion of any such newes here in Bristoll vntill the Master &

[1] " the " *inserted above the line.*

Companies coming home as aforesaid all which etc with the seale dat' vt supra

John Gilford
James Easton

Hu Browne Maior

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If you shall meete with any shipps wearing the same Coulours that are or shall be borne of the Parliament Fleet and not having Authority from the Parliament, then you are to seize vpon[1] [on *struck through*] them, and bring them vnto vs or the chief of your Squadron, or otherwise send them to London and in case that cannot be presently effected then bring them to the next safe port that you are sure is well affected to the Parliament, and there to take order that the men soe taken be putt in safe custody by the Maior & Chief of that port there & the ship & goods to secure according to the purporte of an acte of Parliament for encouragement of officers & Mariners for impressing of seamen, provided that before you send hir away you take an Inventory of what shalbe in the ship.

A true relacion of the contempte of Captain Clark offered to the aucthority of Parliament as followeth & sworne before Hugh Browne Esqre Maior of the Citty of Bristoll as may appeare.

That on the 11th of October 1650. The said Captain Clarke coming into kingrode with a small Frigott wearing the Parliament Jacke[2] and came to an ankor by vs and in our and in our[3] Captaines absence our master sent vs on bord to desire him in case he were not in the Parliaments service to take in his coulours Who gave vs this answere saying he had bin longer in the service then our master or our Captaine either and that he knew when to take in his colours and that he would not take them in att their comaunds soe by reason of the Captaines being at Bristoll all that and the

[1] " vpon " *written over.*

[2] " Jacke " is a ship's flag of smaller size than the ensign used at sea as a signal, or as a mark of distinction.

[3] " and in our " *repeated.*

next day being the 12th with his coulours flying this wee doe affirme to be truth and in substance nothing but the truth

Iur' xviij° Octobris 1650 — Samuell Horton
Edward Salkeld
Hu Browne Maior — Percivall Maples
Andrew Bougham
Olliver Woodward
John Dawson

That on the 12th Instant being the last day of the weeke our Captaine coming on bord wee informed him of the affronts offered the day before and of his wearing the coulers all that day without rendring any accompt of his authority the next day Lords day and the 13th he put out the same coulers againe our Captayne being on bord himselfe sent vs on bord to desire Captain Clarke to send him word whether he had any authority to weare the states coulers and in case he had not to desire him to take them in But the said Captaine Clarke not being ⟨*page 5*⟩ on bord wee did our messuage to the Company who gave vs this answer saying their captaine when he went on shore gave[1] them order to weare them and there they shall flourish in dispitght of you and your captaine which answere wee retorned to our Captaine who said he would goe on shore in the morning to Captaine Clarke himselfe & proceed according to what satisfaction he should receive from him

Iur' xviii° Octobris 1650 — Edward Salkeld
Hu Browne Maior — Samuell Horton
Percivall Maples

That on munday the 14th in the morning before 5 of the Clocke our Captaine went on shore att Bristoll to speake with Captaine Clarke and our master being on shore with him they both enquired for Captaine Clarke and hearing[2] that he was att the pill if not gone on board in the night tide wherevpon our Captaine gave order to our Master to goe imediatly on board and in case he should find the coulers flying to send on board to desire him to render an accompt of his authority the which if he refuse to proceed according to his instructions now wee being sent by the Master according to the Captaines order wee present this messuage following ; Sir our Captaine presents his respects to you and desire you to produce

[1] " gae " *struck through and* " gave " *written above it.*

[2] " being " *struck through and* " hearing " *written above it.*

your authority or to take in your coulers Captaine Clarke gave this answere saying I know your Captaine and your Master I will not take in my coulers for them neither will I shew my authority then the boatswaine who was appoynted to deliver the messuage spake to him againe intreating very earnestly and desiring to be advised but the more he was persuaded the more violent he was saying he would sinke before they should be taken in wherevpon according to order the boatswaine comannded on of our men to take them downe then the said Captain Clarke comaunded his men to heave our men of the bowlspritt and he himselfe called for a halfe pike of which he was prevented by our men securing both him and his company according to order from the Captaine and master.

Iur' xviii° October 1650

Hu Browne Mayor

Fra : Webb
Humf : Hiscox
James Richman
James Williams
John Saunders
Mathew Evans

⟨*Page 6.*⟩

Ciuitas Bristoll'

Memorandum That this nyneteenth day of October 1650 Edward Lloyd of the Citty of[1] Barber Chirurgion aged 44 yeares or thereabouts William Hancocke and John Johnson both[2] of the said Citty saylers both aged two and twenty yeares or thereabouts did all of them depose and make voluntary oathes taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God that they these deponents did all serve in the shipp late called the[3] William of Ipswich whereof Barnabas Holding was master in a voyage made with hir in the yeare one thousand six hundred forty and nyne And that the said ship being in Stt Lucar the said Master did agree with the marchants laders of hir (vizt) Captain John Anthony William Harris (since deceased) and William Hartwell who then laded the said shipp to goe from thence to Corke or Kingsale in Ireland (whereas they heard) from the said Master and merchants by a new agreement betweene them the voyadge was to end and determine And that the said ship being on hir voyage vpon the Coast of Ireland neare the old head of Kingsaile ; The said Marchants having some intelligence that there was a Prohibition that noe English shipps in the States

[1] Name of place omitted.

[2] "and . . . both" *inserted above the line.*

[3] "late . . . . the" *inserted above the line.*

of Englands dominions should come in to trade there wherewith they acquainted the said Master and it was therevpon agreed betweene him and the said Merchants then liveing; That the said ship should sayle to Dublin in Ireland to be there discharged and the seamen aboard the said shipp perceiving they could not gett into Corke or Kingsaile grew into a mutiny because they vnderstood the shipp was to be cleared att Dublin and would not goe in the said shipp thither vnles besides their wages there to be paid they might have a barque hired there to bring them for Bristoll which was promised by the said William Hartwell one of the said merchants and there upon the said seamen were pacified and did sayle with the said ship William to Dublin and these deponents doe all further make oath that after the arrivall of the said shipp at Dublin and after hir discharge there the said William Hartwell did pay the said seamen their wages which they did receive and were therevpon cleared from the said shipp with the knowledge and consent of the said Master and that after they were soe cleared the said Master did speake to severall of the seamen that served in the said shipp vizt John Grant John Cooke and Henry Reeves to serve him in the same shipp another voyage for his owne accompt and promised or offered them wages if they would goe with him And this deponent John Johnson further maketh oath that Thomas Holding sonne and mate to the abovesaid Master did offer him seaven shillings per weeke to goe with him in the said voyage all which etc with the Common seale etc

Hu Browne Maior

Edward Lloyd
William Hancocke
John Johnson

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

To all Christian people etc Know ye that on the day of of[1] the date hereof George Lane of the Citty of Bristoll merchant aged 49 yeares or thereabouts came & personally appeared before me in the common place of Audience called the Tolsey of Bristoll and did depose and make voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God That this deponent & his family now have an estate in the kindome of Portugall or lately had to the value of [113 *struck through*] thirteene hundred pounds stirling at the least which vpon sight of the king of Portugalls decree that lately came over into England this deponent is fully satisfied the same is wholly

[1] "of" *repeated.*

confiscate & lost and all this occasioned by reason of the good affeccon of him this deponent to the Parliament of England and of George his sonne[1] and of Thomas Nethway his kinsman in like manner both there resident in Portugall as agents for this deponent and now detayned and kept vnder restraint there amongest them and what their ransome and charges to gett them home into England will cost and amount vnto besides this deponent knoweth not, All which vpon request etc with the seale etc, xxixth day of October 1650

George Lane

Hu Browne Maior

Ciuitas Bristoll'

These may Certifie and make knowne[2] to all whom it shall concerne that on the day of the date hereof Hugh Browne Esquier now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll aged 46 yeares or thereabouts deposeth and maketh voluntary oath [th *struck through*] taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God before vs his brethren the Aldermen of this Citty whose names are subscribed That he this deponent now hath in Lisboa in Portugall in the hands of one Mr Joseph Dorny a merchant there resident the value of two hundred [pounds *struck through*] nynty & two pounds sterling and likewise in the hands of one Richard Pichford a merchant resident in the mathera Islands within the dominion of the king of Portugall the value of CClxxx iii all amounting to 775 li 13 s pounds sterling alsoe which vpon sight of the king of Portugalls decree that lately came over in to England this deponent is fully satisfied the same is wholly confiscate & lost and all this occasioned by reason of the good affeccion of him this deponent to the Parliament of England All which etc

John Lock[3]
John Gonning[4]
Robert Cann[5]
Myles Jackson[6]

Hugh Browne

[1] For biographical notes see Appendix p. 207.

[2] "knowne" *inserted above the line.*

[3] For biographical notes see *B.R.S.*, vol. vi, pp. 251–252.

[4] For biographical notes see *B.R.S.*, vol. vi, pp. 247–248.

[5] For biographical notes see Appendix p. 202.

[6] For biographical notes see Appendix p. 206.

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1650 October 31. John Baldwin, pewterer, and Richard Cupid of Swansea, mariner and Lyson Seys of Swansea, merchant concerning the loading of kettles etc., on a ship at Bristol for Swansea.

A Certificate for Joseph Jackson merchant for 441li : 18s in Mr Dorneys hand in Portugall, and for 283 : 12 in Mr Pickfords hands, amounting the wholl to 725 li : 10s sterling.

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

These may Certifie and [kr *struck through*] make knowne to al[*l*][1] whom it shall concerne that on the day of the date hereof George Bond of the Citty of Bristoll mariner aged 24 yeares or thereabouts came and personally appeared before mee Hugh Browne Esqr now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll in the common place of Audience called the Tolsey of Bristoll and did make voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God that in the moneths of January and February last past hee this deponent being boatswaine and part merchant of the shipp Providence of Bristoll and then riding in the river against James towne in Virginia did there see[2] and knowe one Samuell Lee who lately came thither a passenger in the shipp Samaritan from Bristoll which said Lee did then and there lay claime to the said shipp Providence and all hir goods and [servants *struck through*] servants then aboard and to that end and purpose did petition the Governor of Virginia Sir William Berkly for the said ship and goods alleadging that the owners of the said ship Providence liveing in Bristoll (vizt) Cary, Drayton and Bird were Excise men for the Parliament and he himselfe being reall for the King could not have law and Juctice in Bristoll and therevpon did imbroyle the said shipp till such tyme as this deponent did deponent did[3] apply himselfe to one Captaine Hill an eminent man in the said Country of Virginia who vpon this deponents request and vnderstanding the truth of the business engaged himselfe to answere the Law there and all damage

[1] *Second* "l" *obliterated by tearing away of top corner.*

[2] " see " *inserted above the line in different ink.*

[3] " deponent did " *repeated in text.*

whatsoever which should be recovered by the said Lee concerning the said ship Providence Before which tyme the said Captaine had soe engaged the merchants of the said ship Providence could not dispose of or dispatch any business there or depart the Country back againe for Bristoll And this deponent further maketh oath that the said Governor Sir William Berkly knight having taken of three of the servants which they brought over with them in the said ship Providence this deponent made repaire to him & demanded money or tobacco for the said servants the said Governor replied what dost thou come to mee to demand tobacco for the three servants and another challendge and lay claime to the ship and goods and for that purpose vtterly refused payment or delivery of any tobacco soe that they were constrayned to leave in his hands 19 hundredweight of tobacco and caske which this deponent verily beleeveth is vtterly lost All which etc with the seale this 2nd day of October 1650

George Bond

Hu Browne Maior

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

These may Certifie etc That on the day of the date hereof there came and personally appeared before mee Hugh Brown Esqr now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll George Hellier of the Citty of Bristoll Ironmonger aged 57 yeares etc And did depose etc That about the 4th day of October last hee this deponent laded aboard the shippe arke of Poole lying in Hungroad[1] in this Port of Bristoll Three tonnes of English Iron for Maior William Scutt of Poole aforesaid Merchant For which three tonnes of barre jron hee this deponent had a Tickett from the Excise Office here in Bristoll that the Excise thereof was paid ; And had likewise a warrant from the Surveyor of the Custome house here for ye[2] putting of the three said tonnes of barre Iron aboard the said shippe Arke of Poole, And did engage himselfe to the officers of the Custome house here that hee would take out a cockett[3] for the said Iron and would give security to the

[1] " in Hungroad " *inserted above the line.*

[2] " ye " *inserted above the line.*

[3] A sealed certificate from the Customs Authorities to merchants that their merchandise had been entered and duty paid.

said officers of the Custome house here for the landing of the said Iron att Poole, and that a Certificate should be returned to Bristoll of its landing there ; Notwithstanding all this one Thomas Gill an officer belonging to the Custome house here as aforesaid, hath stopped the said shippe Arke alleadging that there was noe cockett taken out of the Custome house here for the said Iron. And maketh further oath that the said shipp Arke is yet lying within this Port of Bristoll and hath not yet all hir lading aboard for Poole being bound & for noe other place All which etc

dat' 9 Novem. 1650 Dyer
Hugh Browne Maior Geo : Hellier[1]

Another Certificate of the same only ; that the Iron is taken out of the shipp by Gill

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1650 November 9. John Hickes, mercer, concerning money paid to Mrs. Thomas Jackson by Richard Aldworth[2] *on behalf of Percival Lowle ; and other money owed by John Vawre to Mr. Lowle*

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

These may certifie etc Richard Vickris[3] of the Citty of Bristoll merchant, and one of the Aldermen of the same Citty aged sixty and seven yeares etc And did depose and make voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God: That hee this deponent had an estate in the Kingdome of Portugall in the hands of Henry Elliott to the value of Nynty & one pounds, And in the hands of one John Bridger, to the value of sixty and fower pounds in all amounting to the full summe of One hundred fifty and five pounds sterling, which by the king of Portugalls decree that lately came over to England this deponent is fully informed the same is wholly confiscate and lost And all this as this deponent conceiveth is

[1] For biographical notes see Appendix p. 205.

[2] For biographical details see *B.R.S.*, vol. vi, pp. 243–244.

[3] For biographical details see *B.R.S.*, vol. vi, pp. 255–256.

occasioned by reason of the good afeccion of him this deponent to the Parliament of England All which etc dat : 22th of Novem : 1650

Dier

Hu : Browne Major Rich : Vickris

The like Certificate for Tho : Clare merchant for 98 li 10 s sterling in the hands of one Henry Elliott, which is lost as this deponent conceiveth for his good affection to the Parliament of England and of the said Henry Elliott in like manner there resident in Portugall for this deponent and others, and now deteyned & kept under restraint amongst them All which etc dat 21 No : 1650

Dier

Hu Browne Major William Clare

The like certificate for Peter Beckett merchant for 122 li sterling in the hands of Mr George Lane a merchant in Lisboa. Dat 23 Nov : 1650.

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1650 *November 30. Owen Dissiter of Aberthaw, pilot of the barque Mary of Bristol in her last voyage from Cork to Padstow, concerning wheat brought from Padstow to Bristol for Mr William Payne.*

⟨Pages 15 and 16.⟩

1650 *December 20. John Tippett, master of the Neptune of Bristol and William Cooke, master of the King of Poland, in their last voyages from Barbadoes, concerning good health of Elizabeth Cox and William Douton.*

1650 *December 21. Lawrence Cob of Waterford, merchant, concerning trade at Wexford in beer and knives between him and his partner William Taylor and Thomas Blacklock and George Purdue.*

1650 *December 24. George Lindesoy, mariner, and Jeremiah Mathews, clockmaker, concerning borrowing of money by George Mellin, owner, and Alexander Watson, master, of the Blessing of Donaughadie, and its non-repayment by William Rice.*

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1650 December 24. Similar statement by Jeremiah Mathews.

1650 January 4. Dudley North, haberdasher, concerning money paid to Johane Katesby now Oldland as executrix of her husband Ezekiell Katesby.

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

These may Certifie and make knowne to all whom it shall concerne that this present Nynth day of January Anno domini 1650 Thomas Colston[1] of the Citty of Bristoll merchant aged 60 yeares or thereaboutes came personally before mee Hugh Browne Esqr now Maior of the said Citty and did depose and affirme vpon his corporall oath voluntarily taken vpon [that *struck through*] the holy Evangelists of God that in the yeare 1644 he this deponent being then a Collonel of the trayned bands of this Citty did several times desire Mr Edward Caple marchant being his neer neighbour to be Captaine of one of the trayned bands of this Citty which the said Mr. Caple refused and afterwards [having *struck through*] this deponent having called a generall Muster and view of the said trayned bands and their Armes he this deponent comanded the said Mr Caple to lead one of the trayned bands out of the Field ; And that shortly after the said Mr Caple went beyond sea in a marchandizing way and never after to this deponents knowledge acted or did anything touching the souldiery part in or about this Citty nor ever lead that or any other of the trayned bands to the Lyne or workes about the said citty nor did ever appeare in defending the same against the Parliament forces nor had he ever any Comission to be a Captaine or soe to doe : All which etc with the seale the day and yeare above written

Hu : Browne Maior

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1650 January 21. Thomas Nethway, servant to George Lane, merchant, concerning payment of dues on goods shipped from Bristol on The Reason, (Master Daniel Crawford) for Brazil via Lisbon.

[1] For biographical details see Appendix. p. 203.

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

Coram Hugone Browne Maiore Ciuitatis Bristoll' xxxjo die Januarii 1650

John Penry of Lalleston in the County of Glamorgan yeoman aged 23 yeares or thereaboutes Jenkin Lewis of Newton in the same County bucher' and Henry Hopkins of Swansey in the County aforesaid sayler aged 33 yeares or thereaboutes doe all depose and make voluntary oathes taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God as followeth That there was laden aboard the barque John of Newton whereof John Mulcocke was master and John Leyson is owner by Richard Davy about the end of the moneth of October last certayne quantities of Compeach wood[1] to be carried in the said barque from Newton aforesaid to this Port to be sold here in the same way as the rest was before the landing of which said Compeach wood here in this said Port of Bristoll it was seized vpon by a warrant out of the Admiralty Court as they have heard and believe and the said deponents further make [the *struck through*] oaths that they well know that the said Iohn Leyson never knew of the putting of the said Compeach wood aboard the said Barque att Newton aforesaid nor had ever any fraight for it nor was there ever any agreed vpon to be paid for the fraight of the said Compeach wood ; he the said John[2] Leyson not being att the lading of the said Compeach wood aboard the said Barque which these deponents more precisely knoweth for they all came in [to *struck through*] the said barque from Newton to this Port [that *struck through*] the said John Penry & Jenkin Lewis being passengers in the said Barque and the said Henry Hopkins being one of the Company of the said barque that voyage Et aliter non deponunt etc

Hu Browne Maior

John Penry
Jenkin Lewis
Henry Hopkins

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Whereas a sute was or is lately depending betwene Richard Foly Ironmonger & George Hellier Ironmonger for words supposed to

[1] A logwood, taking its name from Campeache in Mexico.

[2] " John " *inserted above the line.*

be spoken of Mistress Foly wief of the said Richard vizt in that he should say of Mistress [Hellier *struck through*] Foly that she was a witche or to that purpose The said George now in presence of Mr Mayor & the Aldermen to cleare himself of that aspersion did voluntarily depose vppon his corporall oathe that he never spake any such wordes of the said Mistress Foly but alwayes hath spoken in hir commendacion and doth & alwayes hath sithence his knowledge of hir thought hir to be a very honest & a good woeman. primus Februarii 1650

Hu Browne Maior
Walter Cann Alderman
Miles Jackson Alderman

Geo : Hellier

1650 February 5. Nehemiah Collins, gentleman, concerning the assigning of a debt to him by Humfry Berington of Bishupston in Herefordshire to John Harper, linendraper.

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1650 February 5. Erasmus Millard concerning transactions of Robert Atkins, linendraper, with Richard Olliver on behalf of Mr Michell of Oxford and Mr John Pester, woolendraper.

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

Memorandum that this sixth day of Februarii Anno Domini 1650 Jacob Brent and Humfry Brent two sonnes of Jacob Brent Clerk and Margarett his wife, And Francis Burnell Katherine Burnell Mary Burnell and Bridget Burnell fower daughters of Henry Burnell and Julian his wife, which Margarett & Julian were the sisters of Maior John Reade whoe lately deceased in the Iland of Barbadoes and vpon his death left to his sisters [legacies *struck through*] children certen legacies to be equally devided amongest them, as may appeare by the will And the said children being sixe in number and all now presence before mee, did desire that for the recovery of what should respectively belong vnto them, might be had & donn by their respective fathers (for their vse) as namely the said Jacob Brent & Humfrey Brent the sonnes, by their father Mr Jacob Brent now the Minister of the parish of Temple in this Citty of Bristoll And the said Frances Burnell

Katherine Burnell, Bridgett Burnell and Mary Burnell the daughters by Henry Burnell now dwelling at Hannam in the parish of Bitton neere this Cittie of Bristoll; And desired alsoe the same may be recorded, and that Mr Maior wilbe pleased to make Certificate thereof when it shalbe requested for the speedy getting in, of what shall accrew & belong to them by the will & bequest of their said vncle Maior John Reads

Hu Browne Maior
Ia: Brent

The marke of
Henry HB Burnell

Jacob Brent
Humphry Brent
Frances C Burnell
Katherine C Burnell
Mary 2 Burnell
Bridgett 6 Burnell

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

Deposicio capta coram Hugone Browne Armigero Maiore Ciuitatis Bristoll' predict' septimo die Februarii 1650

William Coterill of Sherehampton in the County of Gloucester yeoman 85 yeares or there abouts being sworne & examined saith that he knoweth Captain John Burgesse and Stephen Rodford both of the Cittie of Bristoll and that about Stt James tide last, the said Rodford did ride to the house of this deponent in Sherehampton aforesaid & profferred him money to informe him whether Captain Burgesse aforesaid had taken any money of him for a bribe for that Toby Daniell the said Rodfords brother in law and this deponents sonne in law had told him soe This deponent made answere that he never gave Captain Burgesse aforesaid one peny nor did Captain Burgesse ever aske any mony of this deponent for any courtesey he ever did him wherevpon the said Rodford replied that he heard as aforesaid and vrged this deponent to informe him of it saying that if this deponent would put his hand to a noate that he had given Captaine Burgesse aforesaid any (beinge as he heard) 6 or 7 li or depose it before 2 or 3 he the said Rodford would then give this deponent soe much money as he affirmed he had given Captain Burgesse but this deponent then replied as before and voluntarily deposeth that he gave the said Captaine Burgesse noe money as is pretended by the said

Rodford Et non aliter deponit yeaven vnder my hand with the seale of this Citty the day and yeare abovesaid

Hu : Browne Maior William Coterill

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

Inter Jacobum Newton et Annam vxorem eius quer' et Johannen Lewis def' in placito trans' et in sult'

Coram Hugone Browne Armigero Maiore Ciuitatis Bristoll' x die Februarii Anno Domini 1650

Robert Knifer of the Cittie of Bristoll taylor aged 21 yeares or thereabouts deposeth and maketh voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of god, That vpon Fryday last beinge the seaventh day of this instant moneth of February 1650 there came into the house of John Newton aforesaid scituate in Templestreete, within this Citty the master and wardens of the Company of Taylers,[1] within this Citty, with a Serieant att mace, belonginge to the mayor within the said Citty, and required this deponent, with one Richard Billingsley to deliver vpp to them all such garments, as they had made within this Citty being farrainers, and therevpon this deponent with the said Billingsley, submitted to them the said master and wardenz and ymediately there came in two women (hearinge a greate stirre in the house, and this deponent goeinge to parte them, the said Anne, the wife of the said John Newton, asked of the said Lewis (being one of the wardens, whether hee would murther her husband hee being then in the ground, and therevpon the said Lewis stroke the said Anne, with his hand in her face, by which shee had fell downe, had not this deponent held her (Et aliter no deponit)

the marke of
Roger X kisner

Hu Browne maior

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[1] The Merchant Taylors Company was established in Bristol at the end of the fourteenth century. Their hall still stands in Taylor's Court, off Broad Street. See *C.T.D. Ordinances for City Companies*, 04369(1) pp. 243–253.

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

These may signifie[1] and make knowne to all whom it shall concerne that this present Xth day of February Anno Domini 1650 William Prigg a freeburgesse of this Citty came personally before mee Hugh Browne Esqre now Maior of this Cittie and did depose and make voluntary oath before mee taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God that he this deponent did carry over with him in the shipp Jonathan of Bristoll burthen 60 tons or thereabouts in hir last voyage she made to Ireland in November last past was 12 monethese in ready money & goods att that tyme which amounted to the true values as in the particular summes is expressed vizt first in money which was added to the stock then in

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partnershipp twixt this deponent and one Thomas Hawkins now there in Ireland, and one Isaac Harrington since deceased	62	19	2
more in bootes and shooes to the value of	11	6	8
more in other goods which this deponent added to the stock ⟨to *struck through*⟩ the value of	12	8	6
more was sent to this deponent in linnen Cloth which was likewise added to the stock the value of	20	00	00

And this deponent further maketh oath that vpon or about three weekes after, the shipps arriuall there in youghall theis 3 partners havinge made sale of parte of the goods they had there, they cast it vpp and found there was 10li, gaines apeece which was added to the stock alsoe to them all which this deponent for his parte maketh oath that hee never receaved nor had for his share or parte above the summe of 40s wittnes his hand heerevnto the day & yeare abovesaid

Hu Browne maior William Prigg

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

xiii° die Februarii 1650

Henry Payne mariner master of the good barque called the Anne & Katherine of London aged 36 yeares or thereabouts & Thomas Limbrey masters mate of the said barque aged 50 yeares or thereabouts did both depose and make voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God That being in the Port of Dublin in Ireland in the moneth of November last past there came aboard the said barque one John Lindesey master of the

[1] "Certifie" *struck through and* "signifie" *written above it.*

shipp Providence of Bristoll then lieing in the said Port of Dublin laden with wynes and beare for the accompt of severall marchants of this Port of Bristoll (as the said deponents were informed) and desired them to come aboard the said shipp Providence to view the wynes then aboard which these deponents with some other masters of vessells then riding in the said Port did accordingly and in viewing the said wynes then aboard the said shipp Providence as aforesaid these deponents with thother masters on the 28th of November aforesaid found the said wynes and beare to be well and sufficiently stowed and that the damadge by leakage of the said wynes was not occasioned by stowing thereof but by reason of the insufficiency of the Caske being and lieing soe long aboard the said ship having soe long a passage by reason of contrary winds & fowle weather as these deponents were informed All which these deponents know to be true for that they with the other masters att the tyme of their viewing the said wynes subscribed their names to a writing there in Dublin touching the stowage and damadge of the wynes aboard the said shipp Providence which these deponents have here againe seen and Know to be true Et aliter non deponunt etc

Henry Payne
Hu Browne Maior Thomas Limbrey

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Memorandum that this xviljth day of February 1650 Thomas Willins aged fowerteene yeares or thereabouts, and Mary Willins his sister children of Thomas Willins sometimes merchant in this Cittie, whoe latelye dyed in the Iland of the Barbadoes, Came personally before me Hughe Browne Esqre now Maior of the said Cittie of Bristoll and did elect and make choice of Mr William Browne their grandfather now dwelling at Ercott in the County of Gloucester to be their Guardian for the recoverie of all such lands and personall estate as were their said fathers, which they have testified before me, and have desired a Certificate to be made of the premisses, [to *struck through*] into those parts, to that purpose, and have left the copie of their said fathers will heere to be recorded.[1] Witnes my hand the day & yeare abovesaid.

Hu : Browne Maior

[1] See *C.T.D. Book of Wills*, 04421(2), fo. 116.

These may Certifie That on the day of the date herof John Bindin of the parish of Stt Georges in the County of Somersett but formerly of Clanokilty in the Realme of Ireland taylor and did depose etc. That he hath a daughter called Iohane now the wife of George Lawford of the parish of Stt Georges aforesaid mariner and saith that the said Iohane was borne in the parish of Clanakilty aforesaid in the moneth of November 1629 and that his said daughter was one and twenty yeeres of age in the moneth of November last past All which etc; yeeven vnder my hand with the seale etc xvth of February 1650

Hu: Browne Maior

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Civitas Bristoll'

To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come Hugh Brown Esqre now Maior of the Cittie of Bristol send greeting in our Lord God everlasting Know yee that this present xvijth day of February 1650 Thomas Williams of the age of Fowerteene yeares or thereabouts, and Mary Williams his sister [about *struck through*] of the age of Fifteene yeares or thereabouts and Mary [Williams *struck through*] both children of Thomas Williams somtymes of this Citty merchant who latly died by the name of Captayne in the Iland of the Barbadoes, And the said Children did then before mee elect and make choyce of their Grandfather Mr William Browne who dwelleth att Ercott in the County of Gloucester neere this Cittie of Bristoll (with whom they have had their education ever since their father went over to the Barbadoes to their gardian for the recovery and mannaging of all such lands and personall Estate as were their said fathers and which of right belongeth to them by vertue of their said fathers Well, Whereof hee make Executors in trust one Captaine Richard Gay and Liueteanant William Porter as by the same will appeareth the true Coppy whereof they have now left heare to bee recorded as the mannor is all which they desire might be certified which as iust and vsuall I thought good to doe yeoven vnder my hand with the Common seale of my office of maioralty of this Citty in such case as is vsed[1] the day and yeare first above written

Hu Browne Maior

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[1] "usuall" *struck through and* "used" *inserted above it.*

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Ian. 21° 1650

Ciuitas Bristoll' drawn by Mr. Pester himself

John Pyne master of the Deane Pinke of Youghall in Ireland deposeth that being att the Custome house in Bristoll to enter his said vessell, John Pester of the said Citty draper then there requestinge Mr Shewells permitt, for landinge of his goods (vppon the same vessell, from waterford brought over) in obedience to the right worshipfull the mayor of Bristoll his order to bee ayred, att the Hollow backs,[1] during his pleasure ; beinge demaunded an entry of the full goods, did declare to Mr Howell that hee had noe Invoice of his goods, but expected every tide, his friend that landed them, and that hee had notice only of Five trusses, of Irish Cloathes fourteene baggs of woll, diverse Rawe hides, and fourteene Casks of Tallowe, and that hee the said Pester, was wholly ignorant of the number of peices in the said trusses, number of sides and weight of wooll, or Tallow, And did request an order for or a Bill or view, Mr. Showell, pressinge an entry at request of the said Pester, I the said Pine, gave an estimate, of length and weight, as subscribed which was received, with condiccion of payment for more if on view more found then entred, the goods to bee continued in their possession till after view, and then full entry to bee made, which was promised by Mr Showell, & Captain Fox, and this my hand doth together with my oath testifie, in presence of the right worshipfull the maior of Bristoll : Entred five trusses, Irish Clothes about 300 yards fourteene baggs of wooll about 800 ; 14 Caskes of tallowe & tonne & quarter and 150 hides for which they appointed an officer to view

Hugh Browne maior Iohn Pine

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

These may certifie etc that this present 22th of Februarii Anno domini 1650 Josias Peterson master or skipper of the shipp called the king David, of Flushen in Zeeland of the burthen of 160 tonnes or thereabouts which lately came from Rochell in Fraunce, and now rideth at Hungroade in the Port of Bristoll, and Peter Cornelison, steeresman of the same shipp, and William Bowgar boateswan and Christofer Tobias, saylemaker, all of the said

[1] " Hollow Backs " is shown on Millerd's Plan of Bristol, 1673, as being on the bank of the River Severn between the mouth of the River Avon and Aust.

shipps Company came all personally before me Hugh Browne Esqre, now maior of this Citty of Bristoll, and did depose and affirme, vpon their corporall oathes voluntarily taken vpon the holy Evanglists of god as followeth, word for word taken, by the interpretacion, of William Willett, and John Peterson, both burgesses, and Inhabitants of this Citty, and Porte, & sworne, and deposed to that purpose, That about 19 dayes now last past, the said shippe king david, laden with salt, vinegar, prewens, lees of wine, and paper, with other small goods and Commodities, sett sayle out of Rochell aforesaid for this Port of Bristoll, where shee arrived on the 16th day of this instant February; scithens which tyme, The officers of this Port that belonge to the Custome house heere, havinge searched the said shipp, have found some wines abord the said shippe, which the marchant putt abord for lees, And the said deponents all make oath, that they never knewe it, to bee any otherthen lees, nor was it shipped for in any other kinde, and that they had not any wines aboard them to their knowledge more then what was for their owne vse, and what served for the voiadge, to drinke, by the master and Company as Beverage, as the vse is; And the said skipper for himselfe maketh oath that hee never firmed any bill of ladinge that voiadge aboard the said shippe ⟨*Page 32*⟩ or elsewhere, for any wines other then by the name of lees, and Vinegar as aforesaid, nor knew of any aboard the shippe, vntill now vpon her arrival heere in Bristoll, that the Officers found it as aforeasid All which etc Yeouen vnder my hand with the Seale etc; the day and yeare first above written.

William Willett		Dyer
	Interpretors	Josias Peterson
Jan: Peterson		Peter Cornelison
		William Bowgar
		Christofer Tobias

Hu. Browne Maior

Ciuitas Bristoll'

These may Certifie and make knowne etc; That this present 22th day of Februarii 1650 Erasmus Miller servant to Mr John Pester of the Cittie of Bristoll woollendraper aged 22 yeares or there abouts came & personally appeared before me Hugh Browne Esqre now Maior of the Citty and did depose and make voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of god that about the end of the moneth of January last past he this deponent by order of

his said master went to the Custom house of Bristoll with a note of goods then aboard the Deane Pinke lying att the hollow backs whereof John Pine is master and paid vnto Mr. Thomas Showell an Officer there belonginge to the said Custome house the duties of the said goods and told that on view of the said goods afterwards att airing thereof what more should be found more then was entred should be allowed and paid And this deponent being prest by the said Mr Powell to a full entrey answered that he knew not the ⟨*Page 33*⟩ quantity of the said goods nor whether there was any Invoyce of the same goods come to his masters hands And this deponent further maketh oath that after the said Mr Shewell had given a permitt for the said goods to be brought ashore and to be agred by order of Mr Maior for a certaine tyme by reason the said Deane Pinke and goods came from Waterford in Ireland a place infected with the plague the tallow and hides were by Mr Showells leave brought vp to this Cittie & one Richard Jordan a wayter belonging to the said Customhouse was appoynted by the said Mr Shewell to take an accompt of the goods aboard the said Deane Pinke which he did accordingly on which he found tenn hydes more then entred two hundred weight of [*next word omitted*] and that after full airing the wooll & cloth by the[1] Maiors permitt and Mr Shewells the said goods were brought from the said Hollowbacks aforesaid to this Citty this deponent before landing of the said Cloth and wooll was sent by his said master to the said Jordan to take an accompt thereof and to make a retorne to the Custom house (viz) five trussees of Irish Cloth aboard 300 yards which then Mr Fox entring att the said Customhouse as Freeze this deponent beinge present told him it was Irish Cloth and the said Foxe answered it was vsuall with them to enter it Freeze or cloth and that by the entring it so this deponents master should not suffer and this deponent being ignorant of the imposicons on either of the said goods did pay the said Mr Showell what he did rate them att or demand the goods entred are fowerteene baggs of wooll about 800 weight fowerteene Casks of tallow a tun and a quarter[2] and one hundred & forty hides All which with the seale the day & yeare aforesaid

Dyer

Hu Browne Maior Erasmus Miller

[1] "the" *repeated.*

[2] "halfe" *struck through and* "quarter" *written above it.*

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

Coram Hugone Browne, Armigero, maiore Ciuitatis Bristoll' vicesimo secundo die Februarii, Anno domini 1650

William Pountney of london Derry in the Realme of Ireland, gentleman aged 28 yeares or thereabouts deposeth and maketh voluntary oath taken upon the holy Evangelists of god, That in the moneth of October last past, beinge in Company with one Richard Childe of this Citty aforesaid pewterer, and Henry lloyd, of the same Citty merchant in London Derry aforesaid, and in discourse betweene them, hee the said lloyd, bought of the said Childe, an End of hopps, att the price of nine pounds three shillings, and nine pence, which summe of money the said Childe appointed, the said lloyd, to pay to one Edward Childe, brother of the said Richard Childe of the said Citty of Bristoll pewterer, att the arriuall of the said lloyd heere, in this Citty which the said Lloyd promised to pay accordingly, which this deponent knoweth to bee true for that hee was present att the tyme of the bargaines makinge betweene them there in London Derry aforesaid et aliter non deponit etc ;

Hu Browne Maior

the marke of
William ϕ Pountney

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

These may certifie etc ; That this present 24th of February 1650, Edward Tarrant of the Citty of Bristoll shomaker aged lx yeares or thereabouts came personally before me Hugh Browne Esqre now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll and did depose and make voluntary oath, taken vpon the holy Evangelists of god that about two yeares now last past hee this deponent went ouer into Ireland from this Citty as Factor for one Mr Robert Bagnoll of Keynsham, in the County of Somerset, Clothier and carried with him seuerall quantities of goods to sell there in Ireland aforesaid, for ye said Robert Bagnoll & to retorne the proceeds of ye said goods to him here at this Citty, Amongst which goods soe consigned to him, or which hee this deponent soe carried ouer with him, as aforesaid there was one bayle of dowlas, contayninge Fiue hundred and thirty ells or thereabouts, which hee this deponent sold there in kingsayle in Ireland to one Tho : Turner a merchant and received for the same bayle of dowlas forty and two pounds of lawfull Englishe money which hee this deponent, employed there, to the best advantage, & proffitt hee could, for

ye said Robert Bagnoll, & retorned to him in goods heere at this Citty which goods came all safe to the hands of the said Robert Bagnoll for ought this deponent knoweth or hath euer heard to the contrary, for which bayle of dowlas & all other goods that came to this deponents hands, hee hath fully accompted with the said Robert Bagnoll, & hath a generall discharge vnder his owne hand for the same, And since this deponents cominge ouer to this Citty the said Robert Bagnoll hath oftentimes told him, that the said bayle of dowlas, was ye goods of Mr Robert Vickris of this Citty merchant, All which etc ; yeouen vnder my hand, with the seale etc ; the day and yeare aboue written

Dyer
Hu Browne Maior Edward Tarrant

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1650 February 28. William Payne, sailor, and Godfry Widlake, surgeon, of the ship King of Poland (Master William Cooke) concerning death in Barbadoes of Charles Howell, cooper, and bequest of five pounds to his uncle Philip Berrow.

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1650 February 28. Edmond Bishoppe, Sergeant at Mace and Minister to the Tolsey Court, concerning debt of Henry Seely to William Crabb.

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Ciuitas Bristoll' Coram Hugone Browne Armigero Maiore Ciuitatis Bristoll' xxviij Februarii 1650

Whereas William Cox of Bourton in the County of Somerset hath heretofore Certified the late Committee of the County aforesaid That Mr William Cox of Long Ashton, in the said County, did sett him forth and furnish him with horse and armes, for the Service of the late kinge, and his partye, now Hugh Cox of Brockley in the said County minister maketh voluntary oath that the said horse and armes did noe waies belong to the said Mr Cox of Long Ashton, but weere the said William Cox of Bourton his proper goods, And the said William Cox of Bourton did freely and voluntarily sett himselfe forth vpon that service, for his owne

proper ends and interests ; And that att the same time the said County was vnder the Commaund of the souldery of the late king, and soe was when the said Mr Cox was appointed Receiuer for some hundreds in the said County, and diuerse other honest men weere then appointed Collectors of the said hundreds to collect and gather the same, & that formerly to the knowledge of this deponent the said Mr Cox hath done very many greate services to the freinds of the Parliament Et aliter non deponit

Hu Browne Maior Hugh Cox

Robertus Cox de Bourton in Comitatu Somerset' generosus, predicto xxviij die Februarii Anno supradicto deposuit, Vt supra :

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Primo die martii 1650

Ciuitas Bristoll' Coram Hugone Browne Armigero Maiore Ciuitatis predicti eodem die et anno :

Burnell Read, of the Citty of Bristoll gent maketh oath that about the beginninge of theis vnhappy warres William Cox of Long Ashton, in the County of Somersett gent, did voluntarily set forth a horse compleatly furnished, and an able souldier, a brother of this deponents for the service of king and Parliament, and gaue a monethes pay for advance, which said souldier and Armes weere in the same service as longe as the warrs in theis Parts lasted, But the said horse died, before Bristoll was taken by the late Kings Army, Et aliter non deponit

Hu Browne Maior Burnell Read :

⟨Pages 39 and 40.⟩

1650 February 28. Robert Purnell, carpet weaver, concerning money transactions of Stephen Rodford, mercer, and Henry Seley, merchant of London.

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1650 March 1. Edmond Clymer, John Tippett & William Cooke, mariners, concerning letter of attorney in Barbadoes, for George Stanfast to Arthur King & John Stanfast.

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

Before Hugh Browne Maior the First day of March 1650 John Birks master of the good shippe called the wilde boare of Bristoll of the burthen of 300 tonnes or thereabouts, James Smether, masters mate, Howell Allen Carpenter, William Payne Gunner, William Edwards Chirurgion, Henry Morgan, Arthur Reeues, John Gill George Calker, William Janns, John Gorden, Arthur Graunt, William Browne, Richard Morgan, Nicholas Tovey, Robert Hill, William Rudge, Hackett Gwyn Richard Daniell, Richard Dempster, Robert Masters William White, Edward Pickrill Christopher Barratt et Christopher Tuchinge, All of the Company of the said shippe wilde Boare, did all depose and make voluntary oathes, taken vpon the holy Evangelists of god, That in or about the month of September last past they theis deponents received aboard the said shippe wilde boare, by the order and appointment of Mr Sherriffe Crofte, and Mr Walter Deyos, both of this Citty merchants one trunke matted and marled [1] with Cloth and Rope wherein as theis deponents are informed was 500 paire of wells worsteed hoes, which said trunke of stockens theis deponents deliuered to one Nicholas Garland a Factor resident in Cales,[2] within the Dominions of the king of Spaine, matted and marled as it was at the puttinge the same aboard ; And theis deponents doe all further make oathes, that they [not *struck through*] knew not what was in the said trunke, all the voiadge ouer vntill they weere told by the said Factor Nicholas Garland there in Cales aforesaid, and that what quantity was in the said trunke, at the ladinge aboard heere, in this Port of Bristoll was ⟨*page 43*⟩ againe safe deliuered to the aforesaid Nicholas Garland there in Cales aforesaid :

John Bicks master	C T
Thomas Wellen	Christopher Tuckinge
William Edwards	James Smethen
John J G Gill	Richard Daniell
Arthur Graunt	William James
Richard R Demster	William Browne
Robert Masters	Walter Lorgan
William M white	Christopher Barratt
Edward Pickrell	
William Rudge	

[1] Covered with matting, and wound as a rope with marline, every turn being secured with a hitch in order to prevent chafing.

[2] *i.e.* Cadiz.

Ciuitas Bristoll'

Coram Hugone Browne Armigero Maiore Ciuitatis predicti lmo die Martii Anno Domini 1650

Thomas Harris of the Cittie of Bristoll Dyer informeth vpon his [1] oath that on or about the 21th or 22th day of February last one John Reece a sergeant to Captain Norris his company in this garrison came with his wife to this Informants house in Redcliff streete in Bristoll and brought with them eleaven ounces of Coacheneele & a halfe an ounce ouer which halfe he carried away with him & sold the 11 ounces to this Informant for 14d an ounce which came to 12s & 10d telling this Informant yt it was given to him by a woman to whom he had saved a hundred pounds more by the Excise it should haue paid And he further informeth that [he *struck through*] a little before that he bought of one William Machin a weaver that dwelleth in Temple street in Bristoll two Ounces more of Cowcheneele for 2s which the said Machin told this Informant he had from a souldier of the garrison

Thomas Harris

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And the said Machin maketh oath vpon examinacon that he had the said two ounces of Cowcheneele of the said sergeant Reece and was willed by him to shew it to one or other that giue him money for it which he this Informant did and brought the said Reece the 2s he received for it

William Machin

John Hawkins Cooke informeth on his oath that somtyme the last weeke one Nicholas Yee one of the said Captain Norris his souldiers alsoe brought to this Informants house about an ounce & halfe of Coucheneele in a paper and left it with this Informants wife in liew of iijs vjd which he owed for victualls there in the house and said that he would come & fetch it againe as sone as he had gotten money to pay what he owed there but he never came since about it.

Hu Browne Maior Iohn Hawkins

⟨*Pages 44 and 45.*⟩

1650 March 5. Robert Short, Mariner, boatswain of the "King of Poland", Thomas Northerne, Masters Mate, and John George, Chirurgeon, concerning hogsheads of sugar brought from Barbadoes for Mr John Brent.

[1] "his" *inserted above the line.*

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Quinto die Martii 1650

Ciuitas Bristoll'

William Pearson of the Citty of Bristoll barber informeth vpon his voluntary oath taken before mee that on thursday last this deponent before that coming out of Ireland with one William Freeman and then on thursday aforesaid being sicke in bedd one John Iles that had bin the said Freemans partner in Ireland was then in company with this deponent & the said Freeman as he lay sicke in his bedd att the house of one John Whittle in Stt John Baptist parish in Bristoll And the said John Iles then asking the said Freeman some Questions in conclusion he vsed these words to him as soe (vizt) vnkle you know that halfe of the money that is in the womans hands meaning the said Whittles wifes hands is myne (who answered it is soe and the said John Iles willed this deponent and the rest there present to take notice of it, and be witnes to the same shortly after which the said William Freeman there died.

William [1] Pearson

Similar deposition by Edward Bradley, shoemaker.
Similar deposition by Alice Williams.

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Coram Hugone Browne Armigero, maiore Ciuitatis Bristoll'
Decimo Die Martii 1650

Ciuitas Bristoll'

William Cooke of the Citty of Bristoll marriner, maketh voluntary oath taken on the holy Evangelists of god that hee this deponent, on or neare about the xxixth day of January last, walkinge on the key of Bristoll was spoken to by one Edward Lugg master of the shippe Robert of Bristoll (then lyinge there at the key, and in course of vnladinge (havinge newly come in, from the Barbadoes) to goe aboard the said shippe Robert, and to view the stowage of one Chest of Sugar, then in takinge out, in regard the master was doubtfull yt had receaued some damage by stowage; And accordingly this deponent goeinge aboard, did view the same Chest as it lay, and found the same Chest to bee stowed, cleare of the decke very neare five inches, and was stowed fast from runninge to and againe, but what damage it received this deponent knoweth not, for he neuer sawe the Chest open and this deponent verily thinketh, that if any damage came to yt, the same was from the

[1] " William " *written after* " John " *struck through.*

vpper deck and not otherwise (for sure hee is, there was noe fault in the stowage (Et aliter non deponit) etc

Hu: Browne Maior William Cooke

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

These may Certifie & make knowne to all whom it shall concerne that this present 15th day of March 1650 there came one Wm. Smith a man of about 55 yeares old that was a long tyme an inhabitant in Culleyne in the County of Limbricke in Ireland and about 5 yeares past Came over to this Citty, where hee hath since remayned which Smith made voluntary oath before mee, taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God yt hee well knew one Robert Beaple an Englishman yt was borne and bred in barnestable in the County of Devon as hee often told this deponent they liueing together in Culleyne aforesaid for many yeares and familiarly acquainted & hee well knoweth alsoe yt ye said Robert Beaple had ther 3 Children vizt 2 Sons and a daughter & yt hee & one of his sons there dyed in Culleyne aforesaid before hee this deponent came therehence which as hee thincketh is about 8 yeares sithence and knoweth likewise yt ye said Robert Beaples daughters name was Ann and was married as was reported to one William Morris whoe was lately killed in ye seruice against Reglan Castle and this deponent deposeth & maketh oath that since his Comeing into England hee hath often seene the said Ann ye daughter of ye said Robert Beaple & knoweth yt shee went vp & downe by ye name of An morris & is Certayne that shee was the said Robert Beaples daughter & for ye said Robert Beaples other sonne hee knoweth not being named Wm Beaple what is become of him ; for hee went a soldier out of this Citty for about 6 yeares since & this deponent neuer saw nor heard of him since & touching ye said Ann shee heareing of this deponents dwelling in this Citty enquired him out & often made moane to him & that shee was willing to travell to Barnestable amongst her fathers friends & a litle before Christmas last shee went downe herehence to Barnestable leaueing here a litle boy of hers of about 6 yeares old and goeing in Company with another ⟨*page 49*⟩ poore woman Called mistress Collins and comeing vpwards shee died vpon Exmore as the said mistress Collins informed ye little boy is named Richard Morris which is

all ye Children shee left behind her, & is yet one the Charge of ye parish of St James here in Bristol In regard of all which & to ye end the truth may appeare I Hue Browne Esqre now major of this Citty have thought good to Certify yeouen vnder my hand with ye Comon seale of my office of majoralty of this Citty ye day & yeare first aboue written And this deponent further maketh oath yt hee often heard ye said Robert Beaple there in Culleyne in Ireland say yt hee had news from Barnestable yt there was a legacy of 40li giuen to him and his Children by a kinsman or neare friend of his yt there lately died & yt hee was often of ye mind to goe ouer into England about it but did not

Hu Browne Maior Wm Smyth

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The Record of a
passe from Ireland
for Bartholomew Lawrence,
who arriued at Bristoll
vnder Mr Lord deputies' hand
die martii Anno domini 1650

Whereas vpon a Case of difference Betweene John morris, of Barnestable in England plaintiff and Robert Preistly of Rosse, in Ireland defendant referred by mee, to Mr Cheife Justice Cooke, Mr Attorney generall, and Colonell Thomas Herbert, the said gentlemen, haue thought meete, to allowe the said Preistly, fiue monethes tyme to produce, such records and proofes, in his defence, as hee alleageth, are extant in Portiugall, where the matter of difference betwixt them did arise, and therevpon the said defendant, hath made suite for my passe, vnto Bartholomew Lawrence his servant to goe for the said writinge through England, for the more expedicion To thend therefore yt by all convenient meanes such controuersies may bee timely concluded and that neither partye may bee oppressed by the suites, too long dependant : Theis are to require you to permitt the said Bartholomew Lawrence, with his wearinge apparell, and such necessaries, to transport himselfe into England, and thence vnto Portugall, and to retorne within the tyme before mencioned without lett or molestacion : Provided hee doe not act any thing to the preiudice

of the Parliament, or Commonwealth of England, their Armies, or Garrisons Giuen at Kilkenny, the 25th day of Februarii 1650
To all officers and Souldiers vnder
my Commaund, and all others
whom this may concerne

H. Ireton

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1651 March 27. Robert Hayford, innholder, of the "White Lion" in Broad Street, concerning money transaction between Matthew Gibbs and Richard Nethway.

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

These may Certifie and make knowne to all whom it shall concerne that wee the Maior Aldermen and burgesses of this Citty of Bristoll whose names are subscribed doe hereby certifie and make knowne that during all the tyme of our traffique and commerce in Spayne and Portugall and during the tyme of our residence and aboade there [wee never heard *struck through*] or elsewhere many Forraine parts wee neuer heard of nor were informed that any Englishman merchant or others were imprisoned or any way molested for their ıeligion by any the Civill Magestrates in those parts in any sort or kynd the same being noe way in their power to comitt or imprison any man for any such cause this appertaining only to the Judges of the Inquisition.

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1651 April 4. Simon Peterson Hoveling, master of the "Hovelinge" of Encasion in Holland, Frederick Harson, steersman, and Nicholas Monnocke, sailor, concerning loading of French wines on the ship at Rochelle and Bordeaux.

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1651 April 5. Robert Roberts, haberdasher, concerning bonds of Peter Price of Southwark, feltmaker, to John Roberts of London, merchant.

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Ciuitas Bristoll'

Coram Hugone Browne Armigero Maiore Ciuitatis Bristoll' vij° die Aprilis Anno domini 1651

John Read of the Citty of Bristoll Cooper aged Twenty 4 yeares or thereabouts and one of the company of the good shippe called the happy entrance whereof Edward north was master, in her last voiadge from this Port of Bristoll, to Corfu and Zaunt, & thence to Venice in anno 1648 : did depose and make voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of god that being at zaunt knoweth that there was deliuered to the said Edward North aboard of the said shippe, happy entrance for the vse of the said shippe, by John Webb master of the shipp Charles of Bristoll, then ridinge at zaunt aforesaid one hawser, and seuerall other small ropes, which hawser remayned in the said shipp happy entrance, vnto shee arrived att venice, and there by order of one John Braban chirurgion of the same shippe, who said hee had order from Phillipp Cole the merchant, the same hawser was taken out of the said shippe happy entrance and carried ashore and after that this deponent neuer saw it, nor knew what became of it ; And likewise knoweth that the said master, Edward North, received of one John Watkins Cooper of the shippe Fower kintalls[1] of dry fishe, and likewise received of Mr Edward Caple, at zaunt af oresaidthree kintalls & a halfe more, of dry fishe, all for the vse of the said shippe happy entrance, and this deponent further maketh oath that the said master Edward North, was arrested there in zaunt aforesaid, by Robert Winmouth common man of the said shipp Entrannce, for Eleauen monethes and halfe a monethes wages, due vnto him att two and twenty shillings per moneth which amounted to the summe of Twelue pounds and thirteene shillings, and that the said North was there kept in prison two daies, and one night for the said moneyes, and paid for fees in the prison two and twenty shillings and sixpence, and knoweth that before the said North was released out of prison hee paid vnto the said Winmouth twenty peeces of eight, and gaue him bond, to pay the remainder of the said money att first sight

[1] A kintall was one hundredweight.

in England or Holland, which business happened vpon the said north, in or betweene the xxxth day of January 1649, and the xxxjth day of August 1650 : Et aliter non deponit etc ;

Hu Browne maior Iohn Reade

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1651 April 18. John Burges, gentleman, concerning bonds between Robert Wilson, yeoman and William Edwards, husbandman. Deposition unfinished.

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Civitas Bristoll'

These may certifie etc That this present xixth day of April 1651 Richard Vnwyn a souldier vnder the comaund of Captain Beale aged 26 yeares came & did depose etc ; That he this deponent being a souldier in the Citty of Gloucester in the moneth of March last was twelue monethes did att the request of one William Palmer likewise a souldier in the same Citty goe with the said Palmer vnto the house of one Richard Townesend att a place called Brinsfeile about six miles from Gloucester with an order from one William Partridge of Cautes in the County of Gloucester to whom a difference concerning a peece of ground called the hackett then in possession of the said Townesend betweene him and the said Palmer was referred by changing twelue pence each to the other to stand to the award of 4 arbitrators chosen and if in case they could not end the[y *struck through*] said difference that the said Mr Partridge being an vmphire should end the same and vpon the 26th day of March aforesaid in the yeare 1650 hee this deponent read the said Partridge his order to the said Townesend at the said Townesend house and therupon the said Palmer demanded the possession of the said ground called the Hackett of the said Townesend who answered that hee would not giue him the possession of the ground as yet vntill he had learned further counsell and said that he agreed to noe such vmphirage ; All which etc, the day & yeare abouesaid

Hu Browne Maior Richard Vnwyn

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Citty of Bristoll' Before Hugh Browne Esqre now maior of the Citty of Bristoll, the sixth day of May 1651

William Willett of the Citty of Bristoll marchaunt aged 35 yeares, or thereabouts, and John Peterson of the same Citty merchant aged 38 yeares or thereabouts, did both depose & make voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of god, That on the Thirteenth day of march last past, they theis deponents beinge aboard of the shippe Hovelinge whereof, Simon Peterson, was master lieinge in Kingroade, in presence of the merchants Laders, and skipper of the said shippe, there arose some dispute betweene the said merchants laders, and the said master, about some French wines loaden aboard of the said shippe vnknowne to the said master & contrary to an act of Parliament, on that behalfe made and prouided, The said master beinge very scrupulous in bringinge his said shippe into Hungroade (wherevpon the said marchants Laders (beinge all then aboard) in this deponents presence gaue a note or writinge, vnder their owne hands that they would saue and keepe harmles the said master of & from all damages that might arise vpon the said shippe or master in respect of any wines that was laden aboard of the said shippe (beinge prohibited) And these deponents further make oathes that the said merchants Laders further declared vnto the said master, that they would saue the said master, and his shippe harmles from any danger or damage whatsoeuer that might arise, by reason of the said prohibited wines, accordinge to the note or writinge giuen vnto the said master:

Hu Browne Maior Wm Willett
Jan: Pittersen

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Bristoll' Before Hugh Browne Esquier now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll xvjth day of May 1651

Walter Shereland of the Citty of Bristoll mariner aged thirty yeares or thereabouts, one of the company of the good shipp called the Content of Bristoll, whereof John Totterdale was master in hir last voyage from Cadiz, in Spaine to this Port of Bristoll, which was in the monethes of February and March last past, deposeth and maketh voluntary oath taken vpon the holy

Evangelists of God, That being in the said ship [1] the said voyage, he this deponent saw in the custody and possession of John Poole & Mathew Tyler, 2 of the same shipps company two small baggs of Cochineele but to whom the same did belong this deponent knoweth not, And further he doth depose that the bagg now deliuered in Court is the bigist of the baggs he saw as aforesaid and is the very same bagg he soe saw in their hands

Hu Browne Maior Walter Shereland

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1651 June 3. William Harris and Richard Steventon, servants to Mr Richard Bubb, grocer, concerning debt of Thomas Phelps of Youghall in Ireland.

Another Certificate for Mr Roe for monies ⟨Rest of page, about one-third, left blank.⟩

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1651 June 14. Thomas Prigg, woollen draper, concerning debt of William Prigg, Thomas Hawkins and Issac Harrington deceased, business partners in Ireland.

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June 1638

The Charges last voyage from Virginia as follows	£ ss d.
To Mr Hopper for fraight	168 . 00 . 00
Item the Companies wages as appereth . .	088 . 02 . 00
Item by fraight and clearing of it to London [2] .	060 . 00 . 00
Item for my expence to get hence to London in Bristoll	008 . 00 . 00
Item for 4 Jornies to London about it . .	020 . 00 . 00
Item for monies gaue the wayters in London .	011 . 00 . 00
Item for selleredge of it there	012 . 00 . 00
Item for Mr Liones payes and brokers . .	010 . 00 . 00

[1] " ship " *inserted above the line.*

[2] " in Bristoll " *added and struck through.*

	£ ss d.
Item for 4 times keeping it Cellers . . .	006 . 00 . 00
Item for provision spent in kingrode & other Charges	100 00 . 00
Item more for setting hir forth the last voyage as appereth	537 . 07 . 05
1638	
Item Mr Read oweth by monies received of Cale Mr Gardner and myselfe	050 . 00 . 00
Item by tenn pounds sterling by my wife August 1640	010 . 00 . 00
Item by 10 bushells of wheate	020 . 10 . 00
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1651 June 17. John Stirry of Bridport, mariner, concerning dealings between Richard Bond, merchant, and Christopher Read, mariner deceased.

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Bristoll' Before Hughe Browne Esquire Maior of the Citty of Bristoll this xviijth day of June 1651

Thomas Williams of the parish of Trostrey in the County of Monmouth husbandman aged xxxvj yeares or thereabouts deposeth

& maketh voluntary Othe taken on the holy Evangelists of God by the interpretacion of Roger Bay of the Citty of Bristoll tayler) that about 3 weekes now last past vizt vpon Whitson Eve he this deponent was present at his fathers house in Trostrey in the County of Monmoth [Esqre *struck through*] when one Mr Francis Jenkins of Mainhilott[1] in the same County of [*monmouth*] gentleman said and spoke of Mr Ruther of Carlion Minister that he was a false forsworne man and not worthy to come to the pulpit and being asked by one Evan Harris then present in what the said Mr Ruther was forsworne and how he could make it appeare the said Mr Jenkins answered [agt *struck through*] in swearing against Mr Morgans eldest sonne of Penwinsarth that he was drunke in hart and asked the said Evan Harris how he could iudge of it but that the said Mr Ruther was a periur'd to sweare that any man was drunke in hart ; And further he cannot depose

Hu Browne Maior Thomas William

The aforesaid Roger Bay maketh oath that he hath truly enterpreted the deposicion of the abouesaid Thomas Williams

Hu Browne Maior Roger Bay

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xxjo Junii 1651

Made a certificate by mr Maior vnder sea [*l*], shewing yt he is a free burgesse & inhabitant of Bristoll, & a Constable now in Temple ward, and that he may freely passe to London & repasse a foote [being *struck through*] free from impresting etc

Citty of To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come I Hugh Browne Esqre now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll send greeting in our Lord God everlasting Forasmuch as Informacion hath bin given mee that one Richard Graues a man well knowne in this Cittie that lately dwelt at a place called little Stoke in the parish of Stoke Gifford in the County of Gloucester about three myles from this Citty who about Whitsontide last past was twelue monethes went ouer into Ireland with Fower Children and there since died att Clemell (as is informed) that this Graves going over into

[1] *i.e.* Mainhilad.

Ireland had a wife here that died at Litle Stoke aforesaid in Chilebedd with a little child named Jane Graves which after his wifes death he the said Richard Graves put to nurse to Anne Wickham the wife of Ralph Wickham who yet keepeth the child now for that I am further informed by the Testimony of the said Anne Wickham and of one William Beeke a neere neighbour to the said Anne and well knew the said Richard Graues and his wife and that the said Graves his child wherewith his wife died in Childbed is still alive and the same both he and the Nurse now brought before mee and that I am fully satisfied that it is true and being alsoe informed that the said Graves his children that went ouer with him, are all dead, & that hee left some competent estate behinde him there in Ireland: I haue thought good to signifie the premisses, with desire that such to whom the care & charge thereof belongeth wilbee pleased to secure the same for the vse of the Childe & to signifie ouer to the said Graues his friends & such as haue the care of it at present what will or writings hee there left, & in whose hands the same are, & where the estate is, & for any goods or meanes else that hee there left, to bee a meanes that the Childe bee not abused nor thestate ymbezzilled, but that according to Justice & right that it bee performed for the Childs good & maintenaunce dated vnder my hand with the Common seale of my office of maioralty in such cases vsed this xxjth of June 1651

Hu Browne Maior

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Bristoll

These may Certifie etc; that this present 23th of June 1651 I haue received credible Testimony aswell by the Attestation of John Wilmotts mariner aged 30 yeares or thereabouts taken vpon voluntary oath, who went out master of the shippe Rose of Bristoll Burthen 30 tons or thereabouts whereof Robert Yeamans of this Citty merchant was sole owner from this Port of Bristoll in the moneth of January last & was bound in her from the port of Dartmouth in the County of Devon for the accompt of John Bowen of Bristoll merchant, & Company: That the said shipp in her voiadge outwards was surprised & taken by men of warre that belonged to the Iland of Silly: And beinge further informed that the said shipp Rose, was of late brought into Dover by Collonel popham and there still remaineth the said Mr Robert Yeamans to whom the same vessell doth belong hath requested

this my Certificate for the said John Wilmotts quiet travell to Dover aforesaid or else where for the Recouerie of the same shippe againe which as is iust and vsuall I haue thought good to graunt him desireinge all to whom this Bearer may come to permitt him quietly to passe, and repasse, vpon the occasions aforesaid without their letts or interrupcions etc ; Giuen vnder my hand etc ;

Maior
Hu Browne

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Bristoll

Before Hugh Browne esqre now maior of this Citty the ijth day of July 1651

Charles Thompson of London merchant aged 48 yeares or thereabouts deposeth and maketh voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of god ; That about the moneth of may last past was 12 monethes hee this deponent went with one Thomas Blacklock and George Purdue in a Barque, from this Port of Bristoll to Wexford in Ireland & after his arriuall there the said Blacklock desired this deponent to bee partner with him in all goods that he should buy in Ireland & send for Bristoll, And alsoe in all goods that should bee brought from Bristoll to Ireland which this deponent refused, & therevpon the said Purdue agreed to bee partner with the said Blacklocke and afterwards they bought seuerall parcells of goods togeather in Ireland, and sent the same ouer for England and receaued some retornes thereof And all this was done by way of Partnership betweene them : And this deponent further maketh oath that after the said Blacklocks death the said Purdue was enforced to pay vnto one Lawrence Cobb of wexford aforesaid the summe of viijli xijs to free some goods of the said Blacklocks only which then was in the possession of the said Cobb, for soe much money oweinge to him by the said Blacklock in his life before their said ympartnershipp, And that the said Purdue likewise paid vnto one Captain Wildeboore then Farmer of the Customes at wexford aforesaid the summe of iijli and vpwards for the Clearinge of a parcell of goods, which the said Wildeboore had seized vpon & would not deliuer vntill the said Purdue had paid the said last mencioned summe, the same beinge due for Custome & excize of other goods of the said Blacklocks before their ympartnershippe :

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Bristoll

Before Hugh Browne Esquire now Maior of this Citty the iijth day of July 1651

John Wilcock of the Citty of Bristoll Grocer aged [1] yeares or thereabouts, deposeth & maketh voluntary oath taken vpon the Holy evangelists of god, that about the moneth of July which was in the yeare 1649 this deponent beinge at Corke in Ireland had in his possession a nagg of one Joseph Lawrence worth att that time there about iijli : xs : which said nagg one Thomas Hinkes of Corke aforesaid desired this deponent to Lett him haue [the said nagg *struck through*] and herevpon this deponent deliuered him the said nagg leauinge the price thereof to bee agreed on with the said Joseph Lawrence which the said Hinkes promised to doe, and that hee would giue satisfaccion to the said Lawrence when hee should come into Ireland. And this deponent further maketh oath that the said nagg at the deliuery was to his knowledge both sounde, winde and Limbe :

1651 July 4. George Holbrooke, ironmonger, and John Wale, mercer, concerning delivery of letter of attorney by Elizabeth Lion of Guildford to her grandson, Henry Brady.

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Copy of the above mentioned letter of attorney.

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Citty of Bristoll

Before Hugh Browne Esqre now maior of the Citty of Bristoll the 8th day of July 1651

James Turner of Youghall within the Realme of Ireland Apothecary, aged 23 yeares or thereabouts deposeth and maketh voluntary oath vpon the holy Evangelists of god That about the later end of the moneth of march last past, this deponent was in the Citty of waterford togeather with Mr Richard Powell brother to Mr Charles Powell of Bristoll aforesaid Apothecary & Mr Edward Glascoxe, then Phisitian to the Hospitalls in waterford aforesaid, with whom this deponent was very Intimate & dieted and lay all together, & was priuy to thacompts betweene them & the

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debts due from the said Mr Glascoxe to the said Mr Richard Powell, and his brother mr Charles Powell And this deponent did see the accompts stated, by which the said Mr. Edward Glascox did then owe & was indebted to the said Mr Richard Powell, and his brother in the summe of about 40li, which money hee did acknowledge to bee vnsatisfied and would then haue paid (had hee received moneyes then due to him from the State for his pay and Phisick) which hee was promised then to receaue, hee hauinge his bills signed for the payment thereof by the Commanders and Governor of Waterford And more ouer acknowledged 5li sterling or more, which hee was to receaue from Mr Watts Customer in Waterford, for the said Mr Richard Powell, for & towards the phisick, and his Fees, for the which hee was halfe, with Mr Glascoxe in his practice, & if in Case, hee the said Mr Glascox could gett more from the said Mr Watts, and his wife then 5li per peece, then mr Powell in that & all other payments, for phisick and Fees, to bee received for & then vnpaid, by their patients, whilst they both practized together in waterford, was to haue the one halfe of all payments benefitt & gaine therein ; And this deponent then cominge for England together with the said Mr Richard Powell & the winde then servinge, before payment of the said debt & accompt aforesaid to the said Mr Richard Powell, came downe aboard the Angell of Bristoll[1] to the passage 5 miles from waterford, this deponent and the said Mr Richard Powell, weere staied by reason of the winds, then not well servinge, for about 4 daies duringe which time the said Mr Richard powell wrote Letters to the said mr Glascoxe with the accompt of all or most perticulers therein, And deliuered the same to one mr William Atkins, a kinsman, of this deponent, to whom order, and direccions, was giuen, by the said ⟨*Page 71*⟩ mr Richard powell, to demaund receaue or procure the said Mr Glascoxe, to send to him, the said Mr Richard powell, or to his brother in Bristoll, the said debt of 40li, or thereabouts, forthwith either to the passage, or else by Mr Ansell Nash, then being in waterford, or some other trustie freind, And this deponent hath seene a Letter sent, by the said Mr William Atkins to the said Mr Richard pencell, of the deliuerie of his said Letters to the said Mr Glascoxe & of the particuler accompt, Intimatinge thereby how the said mr Glascoxe did condiscend to & acknowledge the said debt & accompt promisinge to send the said debt by the said Ansell Nash presently for Bristoll to the said Mr Richard Powell or his brother, which said

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money or any parte thereof hath not bin satisfied to the said mr Richard powell, or his said Brother or to any other to their or any of their vses, as this deponent verilie beleueth, in his Conscience, havinge bin Constant, in the said Mr Charles Powells house in Bristoll, and in Company, with his said Brother, ever since the time of this deponents departure from waterford aforesaid, vntill this present day : And this deponent further deposeth that the said mr Richard Powell at his cominge away from Waterford, left with the said doctor Glascoxe, in his Custodie, to bee kept for the said Mr Richard Powell, vntill his retorne to Waterford againe out of England : Diuerse and sundry bookes of his both Latten and Englishe, and seuerall other things as two pewter platters, one pewter quart, some glasses and earthen potts, with other small things ; And this deponent further saith that hee hath of late, within this 5 or 6 daies, last past heard the said mr watts, affirme that hee had paid the said mr Glascox 15li towards satisfaccion to him the said mr Glascoxe, and the said mr Richard powell, for his[1] and their Fees, and paynes some 4 or 5 daies, before the said mr Richard powell & this deponent tooke shippinge then at Passage, for England ; And the said mr watts alsoe affirmed, that mr Glascox should then say that most of the said 15li, which hee then receiued was due to the said mr Richard Powell, And that hee the said Mr Glascoxe was to haue, but the Lesser share thereof, in regard all the Phisick had for the said mr watts and his wife, was belonginge to the said mr Richard Powell which I haue thought good to Certifie, yeoven vnder my hand with the seale of this Citty in such cases vsed, the day and yeare aforesaid :

Hu Browne Maior James Turner

⟨Pages 72 and 73.⟩

1651 July 8. William Hagerston, chirurgion, concerning debt of above Edward Glascox to Charles and Richard Powell and the bringing by him of some garden seeds for sale by them. He reports the death of Edward Glascox from plague.

1651 July 29. Edward Pigott of East Brent, formerly of Tuam in Connaught, Ireland, clerk, concerning bond of Richard Lord, Archbishop of Tuam.

[1] Word indecipherable.

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These may Certifie etc ; That this present One and thirtieth day of July 1651 James Browne of the Citty of Bristoll Blacksmith aged 63 yeares or thereabouts ; John Linton owner of the trowe speedwell of Bridgwater aged 35 yeares or thereabouts and George Whithers master of the same Trowe, aged Fortie yeares or thereabouts came all personally before mee Hugh Browne Esqre now maior of the Citty of Bristoll and did depose, and make voluntary oathes taken vpon the holy Evangelists of god (vizt) this deponent James Browne for himselfe saith, That in the moneth of march last past hee this deponent receaued at this Citty from George Launder, of Brocton in the County of [Gloucr *struck through*] Stafford Sixe packs of English wooll marked with GL : which hee deliuered by order from the said George Launder, aboard of the Trowe, speedwell of Bridgwater, whereof John Linton was owner and George Withers was master to bee brought to Bridgwater aforesaid, and from thence to Taunton, to bee deliuered to John Powell an Inholder att the Red Lion, there and noe where else, accordinge to the said George Launders, Letter : And the said John Linton and George Whithers for themselves say that vpon the xiiijth day of march last past they receaued from George Launder of Brocton in the County of Stafford sixe packs of English wooll, marked as abouesaid, to bee carried to Bridgwater aforesaid, thence to Taunton, to bee deliuered to the said John Powell and noe where else : and that goeinge out of this port at the Pill, one Thomas Gill an Officer belonginge to the Custome house within this Citty and others came with a boate aboard the said Trowe, pretendinge to search for French tobacco, and havinge searched the said trowe over, and finding noe French tobacco aboard, demaunded their Cocketts, from the Customs house, which theis deponents shewed him ⟨*Page* 75⟩ vpon which hee found there was but twelue packs of wooll specified (there beinge sixteene packs, in the same Trowe) wherevpon the said Gill demaunded why there was not thother Fower entred in the Custome house, And therevpon theis deponents answered that the said Fower baggs weere put aboard by James Browne at the Instant when the trowe was Cominge away from the Key vpon turninge of Water it beinge about seaven of the Clock in the morninge and two houres before the Customers sate And therevpon the said Gill and the rest seized vpon the said Fower packs of wooll, whereof two of them weere marked with GL belonginge to George Launder & thother two an other mans, (being Irish wooll) these deponents

shewinge a Tickett that the Excise of the said Wooll was paid) And soe the said Gill carried away the said 4 packs of wooll, and yet detayneth them : All which etc ; yeoven vnder my hand with the Seale etc ; the day and yeare first aboue written

Hu Browne Maior

James Browne
John Linton
George Whithers

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1651 August 7. Richard Long, servant to Mr Thomas Bubb, grocer concerning debt of Mr Thomas Phelps of Youghall, Ireland to his master.

Another certificate of debt of Thomas Phelps to George Atwood, mercer. Statement by Richard Roberts, servant.

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⟨Pages 77 and 78.⟩

1651 August 12. Jonathan Blackwell, vintner, formerly of London. concerning bond between Anthony Rich of Tooton, Surrey, butcher, and John May of Moote Park, Berkshire, gentleman. Bond witnessed by deponent & Charles Hassard then servants to Ralph Hartley, of Cornewale, London, scrivener. Copy of bond follows.

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1651 August.[1] *John Duning, merchant, concerning examining of accounts between John Lock, merchant and Alderman, and his kinsman Richard Locke at the " Rose " Tavern.*[2]

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[1] Date left blank in text.

[2] In High Street. See Latimer, *Annals of Bristol in the Seventeenth Century*, p. 152.

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1651 September 1. George Withers of Bridgwater, mariner, concerning two bags of wool put on the Trow "Speedwell" by Francis Rogers of Bristol.

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Bristoll: These may Certifie and make knowne, to all whom it may concerne that on the day of the date hereof, Robert Yeamans[1] of the Citty of Bristoll merchaunt, Robert Willett of the said Citty merchant and lewis weauer of the same Citty scriuener, came all personally before mee Hugh Browne Esquire etc ; and did depose etc ; (vizt) the said Robert Yeamans for himselfe saith that in or about the moneth of October last past hee this deponent, bought of one Captaine Reynolds twoe neagroes and gaue for them 30li which neagroes hee the said Captaine Reynolds said hee tooke in a shippe from the Kinge of Portugall: And this deponent had an Intent to send the same Neagroes, for Virginea but vpon their earnest entreaty, they desired to serue seaven years in any parte of Spaine ; And therevpon they bound themselues by Indentures, made by the abouesaid Lewis Weauer, to serue him this deponent or his assignes for the terme of seaven yeares in any parte of Spaine, (to which) Indentures the abouesaid Lewis Weauer and Robert Willett, subscribed their names as wittnesses, as may appeare And this deponent maketh oathe that the said neagroes. weere neuer kept in prison since this deponent bought them, nor weere, euer compelled to bee bound vnto him, but only their owne entreaty : And this deponent lastly saith that hee laid out, for apparell, & other necessaries, in fittinge the said neagroes forth for Spaine the summe of twentie pounds & vpwards :

Robert Yeamans

Deposition on same matter by Robert Willett and Lewis Weaver.

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Bristoll Between [Hugh Browne *struck through*] William Baber and Anne his wife plaintiffs and Mary Gawler widow defendant in a cause to be tried in the Sherriffs Court in Bristoll :

Robert Day of Fawvon in the County of Wilts mercer heretofore servant to William Baber of the Citty of Bristoll mercer aged 20

[1] For biographical details, see Appendix, p. 210.

yeares & vpwards deposeth and maketh voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God That about 3 yeares now last past one Mary Gawler widow late the wife of Richard Gawler of Cardiff [def *struck through*] deceased came vnto the said William Babers shop and there this deponent having before told the said Widow Gawler of hir husband Richard Gawlers debt remaining vpon the said shop booke this deponent shewed the same shop booke to the said Mary Gawler by which it appeared that the said Richard Gawler was indebted to Anne Deane widow deceased in the summe of iiij li v s. And therevpon the said Mary Gawler confessed the debt according to the said shop booke & promised payment accordingly to the said William Baber this deponents then master And further deposeth that this deponent was served with a subpena issueing out of the Sherriffs Court of Bristoll to appeare in the Guildhall there vpon Wednesday the 17th day of this instant moneth of September by vertue of which he did accordingly appaere att the same day the said place of his aboade from Bristoll being 40 miles or neare thereabouts And that this deponent came of purpose to attend the said Court and had noe other busines but that Sworne and taken the xvijth of September 1651 before mee

Hu Browne Maior Rob. Day

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1651 September 26. Jacob Brent, minister of Temple parish, and Henry Burnell of Hanham in Bitton parish, concerning legacies to their children from their uncle Major John Read.

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1651 "In the tyme of Maioralty of Joseph Jackson[1] Esquire beginning att the Feast of Stt Michaell tharchangell." *Copy of bond between John Tison, merchant and William Cole, merchant.*

⟨Pages 85 and 86.⟩

1651 October 27. William Mins, dyer, and John Hartwell, gentleman concerning witnessing of above bond.

[1] For biographical notes see Appendix, p. 206.

⟨Pages 86 and 87.⟩

1651 October 30. Roger Long, woollen draper, and John Allen, woollen draper, concerning will of William Colston the elder, merchant (proved August 14th 1647) executor William Hobson the younger.

1651 November 1. John Birks, mariner, Edward Brackington and Arthur Grant, all of the company of the "Elizabeth of Bristol" concerning loading of fish by William Brewen at Madeira and delivery to Mr Gawen Paynter at Teneriffe.

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Bristoll These may signifie and make knowne for truth to all whom it shall Concerne That wee the Maior & Aldermen of the Citty of Bristoll haue knowne Timothy Parker mercer a free burgesse and inhabitant of this Citty for a longe tyme dwelling and keeping shop here amongest vs and living in good creditt and repute as now he doth with his neighbours and others with whom he dealeth and further that wee knowe him to be a iust and honest man and a faire dealer and soe he hath lived and bin reputed without any scandall or reproach of life conversation or integrity during all his abode here with vs and was neuer in the least blemished in his reputation nor ever suspected to promise any endeavour or designe that might tend to the prejudice of the Government now established; But hath bin alwaies obedient & conformable therevnto and hath bin heretofore Testified by his civill life and conuersation being never questioned or spoken of for indirect course of life or misdemeanour in any kind whatsoeuer for ought wee know or euer haue heard of In Testimony whereof Wee the aforesaid Maior and Aldermen haue thought good to Certifie Yeeven vnder our [my *struck through*] hands, And have Caused the common Seale of this Cittie to be herevnto set and affixed the 1st day of November 1651

Joseph Jackson mayor Dier

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Bristoll Richard Ryder of the Citty of Bristoll sayler aged 28 yeares or thereabouts and John Cole of the same Citty Sayler aged 33 yeares or thereabouts did both depose and make voluntary oathes etc;

Bristoll

That vpon tuesday last being the 28th October 1651 last past they these deponents were present with one Thomas Ryder[1] before Joseph Jackson maior the 4th day of November 1651 John Cole of the Citty of Bristoll sayler aged 28 yeares or thereabouts doe depose and make voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God That vpon tuesday last being the 28th October last past [165 *struck through*] hee [they *struck through*] this [sd *struck through*] deponent was present with one Thomas Ryder att the Custom house skales vpon the Key of this Citty and there weighed nyne Rolles of Tobacco which came in the ship Goodwill of this Citty from Mevis for the proper accompt of the said Thomas Ryder And this deponent further deposeth that after the said 9 Rolles of tobacco were soe weighed the same were by him this deponent & others put into a seller belonging to a house called the ship on the Key, and therevpon one Mary Smyth a servant in the said house [tooke *struck through*] being then and there present tooke charge of the said tobacco and warranted that the same should be safe saying that she did keepe the key of the seller where it lay and that none came there but hirselfe wherevpon the said Thomas Ryder promised her the said Mary Smyth honest content for its being there

Joseph Jackson Major

The 20th day of November 1651

Richard Ryder of the Citty of Bristoll marriner did depose and make voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of god in manner as abouesaid etc :

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Bristoll

Before Joseph Jackson Esqre now maior of this Citty the xxijth day of November 1651. Mr Hartwell attorney for the defendant being present

The within named Richard Ryder further deposeth and maketh voluntary oathe, taken vpon the holy Evangelists of god ; That hee this deponent doth knowe that the said Thomas Ryder had in the aforesaid Celler att the same time, when the said Nyne Rolls of tobacco weere[2] put therein, two other Rolls, besides the

[1] The whole of this struck through.

[2] " Rolls . . . weere " *written over something struck through.*

aforesaid Nine Rolls; And alsoe one other Rolle which this deponent carried into a vpper[1] Romthe in the said house called the shippe on the key; by consent of the said Mary Smith, who warranted that the same Rolle would bee safe there; Soe that the said Thomas Ryder had att that time in the said house and Cellar in all Twelue Rolls of Tobacco, And this deponent further maketh oath that the aforesaid three Rolls of tobacco weere soe put into the said house and Cellar, about Fiue days before the said nine Rolls weere put therein And further deposeth not etc;

Richard Ryder

Joseph Jackson major

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1651 November 13. Robert Randall, minister of Babbington, Somerset, formerly of Hawkesbury, Gloucester, and Edmond Downe of Hawkesbury, yeoman, concerning will of John Prout of Barbadoes and Nicholas Prout his brother also deceased there, whose only son and heir lived at Hawkesbury.

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Bristoll These may signifie and make knowne to all whom it shall concerne that the present xiiijth day of November 1651 Nicholas Lee of Waterford in the Relme of Ireland merchant aged xxvj yeares or thereabouts and George Goold of the Bantry in Ireland alsoe, marchant aged nineteene yeares or thereabouts Twoe of the company of the good Barque called the Katherine of waterford of the burthen of Thirty Tonnes, or thereabouts, whereof was master John Gilbert, in her last voyadge, from Rochell in Fraunce home towards to the Bantry in Ireland, came before mee Joseph Jackson Esqre now Mayor of the Citty of Bristoll, and did both voluntary and of their owne accords depose and say vpon their Corporall oathes taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God, that the said Barque, on, or about the xvijth day of october last past Partly laden with salt and some wollen cards there att Rochell aforesaid did sett sayle, therehence and was directly bound, from the Bantry aforesaid a Towne or place in the possession of the Irish Rebbells and beinge in their voiadge homewards, neare

[1] "vpper" *inserted above the line.*

about fiftie Leagues, south west from Cape Cleare, beatinge vpp, and downe and waytinge for a faire winde The good shippe called the Bull of Bristoll whereof one Captaine Wraxall was Commaunder came vpp with the said Barque, and surprised and tooke her for prize: and brought her, with the goods and Company aboard, beinge fower Seamen and a boy more besides these Twoe deponents, all into this Port of Bristoll, where they arriued on yesterday last in the Morninge and heere they still remayne All which on the behalfe and att the request of these deponents to thend that they may bee *⟨page 93⟩* freed from further trouble heerein; I the aforesaid Maior haue thought good to certifie; yeouen vnder my hand with the Common Seale of my office of Maioralty; the day and yeare abouesaid

Joseph Jackson Maior

Nicholas Lee
George Goold

1651 November 19. George Seaward of Kingsale, Ireland, merchant concerning loading by him of two bags of wool on the "Speedwell" (owner John Linton) for delivery at Bridgwater.

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1651 November 21. Thomas Watkins, master of the company of barber chirurgions, concerning death in the "Diligence" of Richard Hoskins, gunner, on a voyage to Newfoundland and on to Marseilles in Provence and Toulon (master William Fludd and masters mate Thomas Stratton). Verbal will witnessed by deponent, masters mate, John Orchard and others.

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1651 November 25. John Wale, mercer, concerning weighing of some rolls of Nevis tobacco, for the account of James Browne of Nevis, at the Custom House scales, Bristol, and their storage in a cellar of Edward Bullock's, master of the "Goodwill."

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1651 November 24. Thomas Horwood, of Gloucester, gentleman, formerly servant of John Tilly of Bristol, mercer, concerning transactions with Thomas Chester the elder of Almondsbury, Glos.

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1651 November 25. William Atwood, feltmaker, concerning bonds between Percival Hall, haberdasher, and Francis Atwood, feltmaker.

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Copies of bonds follow.

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Goods sould and deliuered, to and for the vse of Thomas Chester of Almondsbury Esqre, by John Tilly of the Citty of Bristoll mercer, as followeth the perticular dayes and times mencioned as heerevnder :

		li	s	d
	Imprimis 8th february 1640 : 2 yds ¾ bla : satten att 14s per yd	01	18	06
	1 ell ½ of taffaty at 13s : 6d per ell . . .	01	00	03
	2 yards of black florence sarcnett at 9s : 6d ell .	00	15	02
	1 : ½ of bla : silke at 2s : yd	00	03	00
	5 dozen bla : parris buttons, at 4d : ½ per doz : .	00	01	10½
	4 : yards best Baremillion : at 20d . . .	00	06	08½
	1 ell ¼ best rine Canvas 22d ell . . .	00	02	03½
	2 dozen bla : drum points at 2s dozen . .	00	04	00
	1 doz hookes & Eyes and 3 yds bla : 6d Ribbon	00	01	09
	1 ell scarlett ribben 10d : bellipeces 5d . .	00	01	03
	3 yrds bla gollome 9d bobin 2d . . .	00	00	11
	4 dozen scarlett parris buttons 4d : ½ : silke 12d	00	02	06
	⅛ taffaty 21d	00	01	09
	3 doz : 6 yrds of bla : bone : edgin at 5s dozen .	00	17	06
15 feb 1640	del John Whitlock for mr William one yrd dowles	00	01	03
17 feb	del : Mr William 1 yrd ½ of greene 4d ribben .	00	00	06
	1 ell dowlas 18d : 1 yrd fustion for trusses 13d .	00	02	07
	dd goodwife Legg, 1 yrd ¼ greene say, for Mr Tho. dublett	00	02	06
	del. Tho : Collins, 4 dozen ½ buttons 3d . .	00	01	01½
	¼ yd crimson silke 6d	00	00	06
March 1640	del : to Tho : Collins 16 ells of holland 3s : 4d	02	13	04
o April 1640	del : Thomas Collens 1 paire of crimson hose .	00	04	10
	1 paire of strawe coloured hose 2s : 4d . .	00	02	04
	paid for carriage of letters from Lon : & Oxon :	00	00	03

		li	s	d
15 May	To mr William ¾ ribbon	00 :	00 :	01[1]
	to Goodwife Legg for mistress Kath: ¾ tuft holland	00 :	01 :	01½
23 May 1641	del: Tho: Legg 16 yrds ⅝ novillian - 3s: 4d .	02 :	15 :	05
	7 yrds of greene sarge for yor selfe at 7s . .	02 :	09 :	00
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	2 ells ¼ of greene taffaty at 14s . . .	01 :	11 :	06
	10 doz: green parris buttons at 4d½ . . .	00 :	03 :	09
	11 doz: buttons at 4d: 3 yd ½ of silke at 2s .	00 :	10 :	08
	3 yrds and ½ of bobbin 10d: ½: 1 Clo: binder 8d	00 :	01 :	06½
	2 ells ½ of hall Canvas 16d	000 :	03 :	04
	2 ells of Rone Canvas at 22d	000 :	03 :	08
	12 yards of dutch Jeane att 13d . . .	000 :	13 :	00
	3 doz: of greene edgin lace at 4s 10d . .	000 :	14 :	06
	7 yrds fine Callimanco at 22d	00 :	12 :	10
	6 yrds 4d ribbon, 8 yrds of tape 1d . . .	00 :	02 :	08
	4 doz of hookes & eyes 12d: 3 paire bellipeeces 5d pr	00 :	02 :	03
	2 paire of belly peeces 6d paceboard 3d . .	00 :	00 :	09
	25 yrds of satten ribbon 6d, for tagginge 15d .	00 :	13 :	09
	¼ ell taffaty: 3s 6d: 6 buttons: 02d . .	00 :	03 :	08
	4 yrds golloome 12d: 1 doz ½ of edgin lace 4s: 10d	00 :	08 :	03
	⅜ of silke 9d: 6 doz: thrum points 2s . .	00 :	12 :	09
	1 yrd: ⅞ of say to line the hose 22d per yard .	00 :	03 :	05
	4 yrds greene gallome, 12d, ⅛ taffaty: 22d .	00 :	02 :	10
22th July 1641	1 yrd ½ of 3d ribbon 4d ¼	00 :	00 :	04½
	paid for carryinge a lettre and boxe from London	00 :	02 :	01
	by Alice Millard, 1 paire of hose for the footeboy	00 :	02 :	02
	paid for carriage of letters from Oxford . .	00 :	00 :	02
	last August to mr William ¾ dowlas 13d . .	00 :	01 :	01
	1 yrd bustian: 14d: 1 ell skye col: taffaty ribbon 7d ½	00 :	01 :	09½
	by Tho: Collins 6th November 10 ells Canvas 13d thred 2d	00 :	11 :	00
	to Mr William one ell of Ribbon 5d . . .	00 :	00 :	05
	To Tho: Collins for the foote Boy ¼ yd silke bobbin	00 :	01 :	00

[1] "½" *struck through.*

	li	s	d
To Tho : Collins 2 october 1 pr woosteed hose & thread	00 :	04 :	06
To mr Dominick 2 yrds 4d ribbon : 8d . .	00 :	00 :	08
The sume hitherto is	23 :	02 :	08

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for wares as on thother side	23 :	02 :	08
21th october 1641 : 2 doz. golde & siluer Coate buttons 2s : vjd	00 :	05 :	00
4 doz : & ½ of gold & siluer butts 13d . .	00 :	04 :	10½
1 qr : ¼ les oz of siluer & gold parchment 6s : 4d	00 :	07 :	06
1 qr of silke at 2s	00 :	02 :	03
3 : yrds ⅝ of plaine Crimson Cherry : at 3s : 2d	00 :	11 :	06
⅜ taffaty at 14s ell	00 :	05 :	03
1 ell Rone Canvas at 22d : 5 yrds ribbon 6d .	00 :	04 :	04
3 yrds 6d ribbon bellipeeces & Collers 9d . . .	00 :	02 :	03
3 qr les 6d of siluer and gold bobbin at 6s : 4d	00 :	04 :	03
⅘ yards ½ of baremillion at 18d . . .	00 :	08 :	03
To Goodwife Legg for mistress Elizabeth Galloome & silke	00 :	00 :	06
	25 :	18 :	07½
Recd the 6th of January 1641	10 :	00 :	00
Rest due on thaccompt	15 :	18 :	7½
12th Jan 1641 To Rebecca 19 ells of holland at 5s : 4d	05 :	01 :	04
5 ells of holland at 5s : 4d ell : . . .	01 :	05 :	00
4 ells of holland at 3s : 4d	00 :	13 :	04
¾ ell of holland at 3s : 4d	00 :	02 :	06
10 ells of yard broad dowlas at 3s . . .	01 :	10 :	00
9 ells of yard broad dowlas at 2s : 6d . .	01 :	02 :	06
before 2 ells of holland at 7s : 4d	00 :	14 :	08
1 yard of Lawne at 8s 6d	00 :	08 :	06
1 ell ¼ of fine holland at 8s 6d	00 :	10 :	07½
14 ells of Canvas at 16d	00 :	18 :	08
11 feb 1641 2 ells of Crockar Canvas at 9d	00 :	01 :	06
1 ell of holland for boote hose	00 :	04 :	00
To George Whippy & Thomas Legg 2 doz : ½ siluer & gold butts 2s : 6d	00 :	06 :	03

		li	s	d
	¾ yrd silke 18d ½ yd, & 50 siluer & gold bobbin at 5s : 8d	00 :	04 :	09
	3 yrds of 6d ribben 18d 1 doz ½ of buttons 6d .	00 :	02 :	00
	2 yrd ¾ of les 4d, siluer and gold parchment 5s : 8d :	00 :	15 :	03
	3 yrds ½ of Baremillion at 18d canvas and hookes 5d	00 :	05 :	08

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		li	s	d
	deliuered for mistress Katherine 1 yrd ½ les 7d of siluer & gold lace 5s : 8d	00 :	07 :	11
	1 ell of 6d Ribbon 7d : ½	00 :	0 :	07½
	½ yrd green say 17d 1 yrd ½ of bla : say 3s .	00 :	04 :	05
	¾ yrd of silke 18d ⅛ taffaty 18d . . .	00 :	03 :	00
17th Aprill:	6 yrds ¼ bla : and scarlett goloome 3d . .	00 :	01 :	07
	for carriadge of two letters 2d	00 :	00 :	02
22th May 1641 :	To the Cooke 1 li of Spanish tobacco 12s . .	00 :	12 :	00
	¼ yrd of silke to mr Whippy : 7d . . .	00 :	00 :	07
	To Rebecca 1 ell $\frac{1}{16}$ of Taffaty 12s . .	11 :	12 :	09
30th may	5 yrds, bla & white tuft holland with silke 2s : 4d	00 :	11 :	08
	by Perriman 5 yrds diaper tape 5d . .	00 :	00 :	05
6th June 1641 :	3 yrds broade Callico 18d buttons 6d . .	00 :	05 :	00
	to your man 2li best Spanish tobacco 10s .	01 :	00 :	00
	½ peck of greene pease 20d	00 :	01 :	08
	14 yrds scarlett, bowdy, Tammy 4s : semper 22d	02 :	17 :	10
17th June 1641	2 yrd : ⅙ les 4d of siluer parchment at 5s : 4d .	00 :	11 :	03
24th June	2 yards ½ of 6d ribben : 15d : 2 yards 3d ribbon	00 :	01 :	09
	⅜ silke 10d : 2 pair woosted yellowe house 8s .	00 :	08 :	10
	To George Whippy 1 li tobacco 10s . . .	00 :	10 :	00
	By mr whippy 8 yards of fidelia, at 3s : 8d .	01 :	09 :	04
	1 yard ½ Canvas 16d : 8 yrds Duck Jeane 13d .	00 :	10 :	00
	6 dozen of buttons 2d, silke and pastboard 15d	00 :	03 :	03
	Tape, hookes and Eyes : taffaty and lopelace 2s : 7d	00 :	02 :	07
	bellipeeces tape, and silke : 20d . . .	00 :	01 :	08
	4 yrds of skye colour Taffaty ribbon 6d . .	00 :	02 :	00
	Summe is	41 :	05 :	10½

Thomas Harwood

⟨*Pages 103 and 104.*⟩

1651 November 27. John Smith of Shirehampton, pilot, concerning the running aground of the barque "Thomas of Stt. Ives" (master William Cutchey) at Pill, due to the bad advice of one Richard Ayres in the boat which was towing her.[1]

Bristoll

These may Certifie etc that this present 1th day of December 1651 Richard[2] Perrey gentleman aged 55 yeares or thereabouts one of the messengers of the Parliament, appointed to attend vpon the Committee of Indempnity doth voluntarily depose etc, That hee hauinge an order from the Committee of Indempnity, doth voluntarily depose, and sweare that hee hauinge an order from the Committee of Indempnity to summon John Pope of the citty of Bristoll to appeare before the said Committee, vpon the 9th day of this instant moneth of december, Hee this deponent in obedience to the Commaunds of the said Committee did repaire to the house of the said John Pope, & did accordinglye to the purport of the said order, serue the said John Pope vpon this present first day of december, vnto whom the said Pope gaue this answeere, that hee would appeare accordinge to the said order, But flewe out, into very high termes, tellinge this deponent that hee would goe on with his accion in spight of their teethes, or this deponents either, sayinge further that it was but a monopoly, and hee would proceed, in his suite, and presente it, to the height, whatsoeuer it cost him : All which etc ; with the seale etc ; the day & yeare abouesaid

Richard[3] Perry

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Bristoll George Maggs of the Cittie of Bristoll Taylor aged 31 yeares or thereabouts deposeth and saith vpon his oath voluntarily taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God that about three quarters of a yeare now last past, (being as this deponent cann remember a full moneth before the ship Goodwill did set saile out of this Port for a voyage to the Carebo Ilands of which shipp one Mr Edward Bullock was then to goe master and soe did, That this deponent being att home att his owne house then scittuate in Horstreete in Bristoll where one William Springett Chirurgion then [dwelt

[1] "not taken" *written in the margin of this deposition.*

[2] "Phillipp" *struck through and* "Richard" *written above it.*

[3] "Phillipp" *struck through and* "Richard" *written before it.*

struck through] lodged the said Edward Bullocke master of the said ship Goodwill came into this deponents house and asked the said William Springett whether he were shipped or not, who answered him yes I am shipped with Mr Warren in the William another ship then bound out for Virginia wherevpon the said master Edward Bullocke then entreated the said William Springett to gett himselfe off if he could and to goe along with him the said master in the said shipp Goodwill who then answered him that he would doe soe yf he could and to goe along with him the said Master in the said shipp Goodwill who then answered him that he would doe soe yf he could and accordingly forthwith afterwards the said William Springett sent this deponent to the said Mr Warren to desire him to disburse three pounds in money for him or else to acquaint him that he must seeke out for another vessell to goe in wherevpon the said Mr Warren said he was content with it with all his harte, yf he could better himselfe And after that the same evening the said Edward Bullocke came downe againe to this deponents house asked the said William Springett if he had gotten himselfe of (calling him doctor) who told him he had gotten himselfe of if he could better himselfe And ⟨*page 106*⟩ And then the said Edward Bullock told the said William Springett that he would giue him the same wages [that *struck through*] as Mr Warren was to giue him and three pounds and tenn shillings to furnish his cheste and Sixe hundred pounds of Tobacco for portlage and there vpon the said William Springett denied it and said Then I doe not better myselfe and then the said Edward Bullocke said [I doe not better myself *struck through*] to the said William Springett I will giue the 800li Portlage and then the said William Springett told him I will goe with yow and therevpon they shooke hands together and departed and this is the wholl truth of the passages & agrement betweene the said Edward Bullocke & william Springett This deponent being present & hearing the wholl discourse and proceedings betweene them

George Maggs

Before Joseph Jackson Esquire now Maior of this Citty the xxvth day of december 1651

Bristoll Thomas Owen of the Citty of Bristoll, and serieant to the Governors Company, within the same Citty aged 30 yeares, or thereabouts deposeth etc ; That hee this deponent with one John Smith, another souldier in the said Company beinge desired by the Sub

Commissioners for the Collectinge of the Excize, of Tobacco pipes, by virtue of a Commission to them graunted & in prosecucion of the same accordinge to the Acts, and ordinances, of Parliament to goe with one John Painter an Officer belonginge to the said Commissioners to the house of one James Foxe tobacco pipemaker, vpon the fifth day of November last past for to take a distres, for his seuerall contempts : wherevpon the said Foxe, with his knife drawne did with most desperate oathes sweare in our presence, that hee ⟨*page 107*⟩ would bee the death of the said John Painter, but by the mercy of god was prevented of his bloudy design by the said John Smith, Then the said Foxe Indeavoured to stabb the said Smith, but instead of stabbinge of the said Smith stabbed his wife in the hand, there beinge present a Constable, one Phillipp Edwards a pipemaker, which, did neither keepe the peace, nor acte any prevention of this Foxes bloudy designe therevpon the said John Painter, being escaped, did call another Constable one Thomas Smart a glasier, wherevpon the said Foxe the second tyme with his knife in his hand, did sweare as desperately as aforesaid, and pursued the said John Painter a great wayes in the streete, notwithstandinge twoe Constables being at present did not apprehend the said Foxe, nor assist the said John Painter, But by the mercy of god, the said John Painter [espec *struck through*] escaped through a greate Company of people there And vpon the sixth day of the same moneth, vpon complaint of the said John Painter, the Right Worshipfull, the Maior aforesaid committed the aforesaid Foxe to the Stocks, for his bloudy oathes aforesaid ; And this deponent further saith that the 7th day of the same moneth, hee this deponent and the said John Smith did goe with the said John Painter neare vnto the house of the said Foxe wherevpon the said Foxe ran into his house and fetcht out a paire of prongs in his hand, & did sweare that hee would bee the death of the said John Painter which hath bin a greate hindraunce, and trouble, in the aforesaid Commission : And further deposeth not : All which etc ; with the seale the day and yeare abouesaid :

Thomas Owen :

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1651 December 10. Thomas Hall of Tembury, Worcs., shoemaker and Henry Hall of Tembury, ironmonger, concerning death of their brother, Francis Hall of St. Christopher's, planter, at Tembury.

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Deposicions of witnesses had and taken before Joseph Jackson Esquier Maior of the Citty of Bristoll on wensday being the 10th day of december 1651 Touchinge the Surprizinge or taking of the shipp Elizabeth of Flushing in Ireland whereof one Sabastian Sanson was master or comander one sonday last being the 7th day of this instant moneth by Peter Wraxall Captain of the shipp Bull of Bristoll and brought to an ankor in Kingrode the same day.

Bristoll

Richard Williams mariner deposeth and maketh oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God that about the latter end of the moneth of August last past the said shipp Elizabeth arrived att Antego (one of the Carebo Ilands) where the said ship remained about 7 or 8 daies and during the tyme she rode there was laden aboard the said ship about Fiue and Twenty thousand weight of Tobacco and some Sugars And this examinant did lade aboard the said ship for his owne accompt about 5000 weight of Tobacco ; And further saith that he knoweth that one John (whose sirname he knoweth not) [did *struck through*] together with one Mounsier Devow and one withers did lade aboard of the said ship seuerall quantities of Tobacco and sugar but how much he cannot tell :

Richard Williams

Sebastiann Penientell mariner Antonius Anteno a merchant belonging to the Citty of Civill in Spayne and Jeronimey Leon mariner all three spaniards and passengers in the said ship Elizabeth doe depose and make oath by the Interpretacion of Mr Peter Proby of London merchant sworne alsoe to that purpose And the said Sabastian Penientell for himselfe saith that ⟨*Page 110*⟩ he sayled in the said shippe from Martineco (one of the Carebo Ilands) where hee came aboard, to the Iland of Guardalopa and thence sayled to Antego another of the said Ilands ; and there remained about 5 or 6 daies where there was loden aboard of the said ship about 1000 Rolles of Tobacco and some Sugar ; And when this examinant came aboard of the said Shipp att Martineco the said ships boate (of the burthen of 15 tons) was at Antego and afterwards came loden with tobacco to Martineco & deliuered the same aboad of the said ship ; and then the master of the said ship imployed this examinant to goe in the same boate to

Antego againe which he did and did gather vpp tobacco in Antego and brought the same In the said boate to Martineco and deliuered the same aboard of the said ship and soe went againe vnto Antego and did helpe gather vp Tobacco there for the said shipp and put the same into storehouses and kept the same vntill the said shipp came afterwards from Martineco aforesaid to Antego and then this Examinant put the same aboard of the said shipp and [that *struck through*] this examinant further saith that he conceiveth that the said Tobacco which was [laden aboard *struck through*] brought in the said boate from Antego to[1] [to Ango *struck through*]
Martineco and ⟨*Page 111*⟩ deliuered aboard the said ship there, was the proceeds of seuerall goods left there at Antego before by[2] the master before the said ship came to Martineco, for that he heard seuerall of the Company of the said shipp say soe and soe the said shipp sett saile from Antego and traded For some provisions at the Iland of Barmothoes one of the Carebo Ilands :

Sabastian Penientell

⟨*Pages 111 and 112.*⟩

Depositions by Antonius Anteno & Jeronimey Leon concerning the same matter.

⟨*Page 113.*⟩

Deposition by George Jaquis, servant to the Governor of Antiego, concerning the same matter and his voyage in the "Elizabeth" from Antiego to Flushing.

⟨*Page 114.*⟩

Taken before Joseph Jackson Esqre Major of the Citty of Bristoll the 13th day of December 1651

Sabastian Sanson master of the shipp Elizabeth of Vlishing in Zeland of the burthen of one hundred and nynty tons or thereabouts Peter Jorson masters masters[3] mate of the said ship and Alexander Mangros Chirurgeon of the same ship doe and make voluntary oaths taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God That they set saile saile[4] from Vlishing in the said ship on the first day of

[1] "Antego to" *inserted above the line.*
[2] "by" *inserted above the line.*
[3] "masters" *repeated.*
[4] "saile" *repeated.*

Aprill last past (according to the Stile of England) for Martineco (one of the Carebo Ilands to which place they were only bound for trading and to none other vnles for want of trading at that Iland in which case he had order from the Company of the West Indies to trade at other Ilands and afterwards they arrived at Martineco about the 12th day of May then next following and there continued trading twixt Martineco & Guadalopa about fower monethes and about the first day of October now last past they sett saile att Guardalopa homward bound for Vlishing and two daies after being att Sea and meeting with extreeme fowle weather by reason of a Harry Cane in which many ships were cast away at that very tyme they were for safety of their liues ship and goods and for noe other cause constrained and enforced to put in Antego which otherwise they had not done and by reason of fowle weather lay there about Twelue daies in which tyme the weather became more calme and therevpon some planters of that Iland vnderstanding of their being there & whether bound desired the said Sabastian one of these deponents to giue them passage for Vlishing vpon reasonable composicion and to take aboard some goods of theirs wherevnto the said master assented & tooke them in as passengers with their goods alsoe at the rate agreed vpon. ⟨*page 115*⟩ And the said master for himselfe saith that the Gouernor of the said Iland of Antego, loving his antient frends and acquaintance for that this deponent had carried him over about twenty yeeres from Stt Christophers to Vlishing gave him this deponent a hogshed of Molasses and another frend of his there one Mr Smethear of London gaue him alsoe halfe an hogshead of sugar with whom this deponent left his small skiffe, hauinge before left his greate boate, att Martineco, for fower thousand weight of tobacco, where hee receiued the same aboard And denieth that hee ever traded in this his voyadge or in any other att Antego, or was ever att Antego till this voiadge, or that this shipp was euer there before ; And further the said Sabastian Peter and Alexander, say that about the xvjth day of october last they sett sayle from Antego, And about three weekes after toucht att Barmothoes, where they tooke in fresh water, and other provisions, without which they and the Company of the said Shippe could not subsist And that they went thither for noe other end, nor had they any manner of trade there, and stayinge there eight dayes did afterwards sett sayle from Vlishing, and in his voiadge homewards meatinge with much fowle weather, about the last day of november was driuen, neare vpon the Lizzard point, And the winde beinge

then contrary sayled to the northward of Silly, att which tyme the shippe beinge leakye, and their provision, almost spent they weere inforcedby the Company for want of victuall, to put into some harbour for refreshment ⟨*page 116*⟩ and therevpon did putt in att Saint Iues Bay where the said shippe remayned, about seaven houres, and there tooke in beefe and bread, and then put out to sea agayne, and the men, being sicke and wanting provision, was by the Company enforced, to put into some port, and therevpon they came vnder Lundy, where they remayned Twoe dayes, where they lost an Anchor, and there hired a pilott, to bringe the said shippe into Clovelly Bay, where they discharged that Pilott And tooke in, Twoe other Pilotts and agreed to give them xijli of purpose to bringe the said shippe into Kingroade, for this Port to buy provisions, and repaire the said shippe, which the said Pilotts did, and brought the said shippe, in safely to an Anchor in Kingroade (where lieinge) some men of the shippe, Bull, of Bristoll came aboard of the said shippe, askinge the said master, and others, whence they weere, and from whence they came, and began to question the said Master, and shewed him their Commission from the Parliament, sayinge they had order, to [from *struck through*] examyne, and search, any shippe they mett with, And vnderstandinge, that, they Came, from the west Indyes and supposinge, that they had traded with some Englishe Ilands there, tooke away his steeresman ; And afterwards twoe Officers more of the same shippe, And lastly, to the said masters greate losse[1] & hindraunce tooke from him, the said shippe & goods, and detayned them from him vntill this day :

⟨*Pages 117 - 119.*⟩

Deposition concerning same matter by Stephen Bassee and William Lockett, Frenchmen of the company of the "Jacob of St Malo" cast away at Martinique, who came as passengers in the "Elizabeth of Flushing."

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Bristoll

Michaell Deyes water bayliffe of the Citty of Bristoll aged 40 yeares or thereabouts deposeth etc; That about a yeare since, as neare as this deponent can guesse, or remember, hee did seize on a certayne quantity of Compeach wood which then lay in a Boate of Phillipp

[1] "damage" *struck through and* "losse" *written above it.*

Phillips, att Redcliffe Backs within this Citty : And this hee this deponent did by virtue of a Commission, out of the Admiralty to him and others directed, & likewise by a warrant from the Right worshipfull the maior of the said Citty And afterwards hee deliuered the same wood into the hands of the Commissioners for that purpose : This was taken before Miles Jackson, one of the Aldermen and Justices, of the peace within this Citty the xvjth day of December 1651

Michaell Deyos

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Citty of Bristoll

These may signifie etc that this present xviijth day of December 1651 : I am Credibly informed by this gent John Bowen a Cittizen & merchant of Bristoll, by lettres sent to him from beyond sea and otherwise, wherewith I am well satisfied that the shippe Fortune of Hamborough of the burthen of 50 tons or thereabouts (whereof one Frederick Ecqhart was, merchant, was consigned to him the said John Bowen from Stt Sabastines, to proceed for porto, Lisboa, viano, or either of them which shee should first arriue att : And beinge arriued att Lisboa there shee tooke in certayne pipes of oyle, Oranges and Lemons, Chests of Sugar barrells of steele, and other things : But by the extremity of contrary winds and fowle weather shee was constrayned and driuen a shore, on the Coast of Cornwall called Mounts Bay where the said shippe, was Cast away : All which etc ; with the Seale, etc the day and yeare abouesaid :
Joseph Jackson major

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⟨*Pages 122 and 123.*⟩

1651 December 18. Thomas Bues, masters mate of the "Golden Lion of Bristol" (Master William Stratton), Nicholas Barratt Boatswain, Richard Dee, boatswains mate, and Richard Morgan, concerning voyage to Bilbao and Mallaga, and leakage from one of the butts of Mallaga sack brought for Mr Shershawe Cary of Bristol, and discovered upon viewing at Hungroad by Etheldred Edwards of Crockerne Pill.

Further deposition by Etheldred Edwards of Crockerne Pill, Somerset mariner concerning same matter.

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Bristoll Before Joseph Jackson Esquire now Maior of the said Citty the xvth day of January 1651

William Huntington thelder and William Huntington the younger of Hannam in the County of Gloucester husbandmen doe both depose and make voluntary oathes taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God ; That vpon Thursday last being the viijth day of this instant moneth of January about 5 or 6 of the clocke in the evening [forenoone *struck through*] there came vnto Hannams mills where these deponents dwell Thomas Butler (a bayliffe to the Lady Rogers) John Bide of Stapleton in the county aforesaid Miller and Francis Morse (servant to the said Bide) together with one John Bush of Keynsham in the County of Somerset basketmaker and there the said Thomas Butler demaunded of one of these deponents (vizt) Wm. Huntington thelder an axe a sledge or a hatchet to breake open the doore of the house of Robert Fauxe but the said Huntington thelder told him he had neuer a one, and then the said Morse went into the shop of these deponents and tooke forth a hatchett and went imediatly to the house of the abouesaid Robert Fauxe and there endeavoured to breake open the said Fauxe his doore thretning the said Fauxe his wife his house (who was then in the house) that hee would breake out hir braynes ; And therevpon these deponents imediatly sent for Mr Henry Creswicke[1] who letteth the said house and mills ; he being then att his house at Hannam and therevpon the said Mr Henry Creswicke came to the said mills and the said Butcher & Morse & Bide vnderstanding of the said Mr Creswick coming went away from the said Fauxe his house to meete the said Mr Creswicke and afterwards some difference arose betweene the said ⟨*page 125*⟩ Mr Creswicke and the said Butler and the said Morse coming into these deponents house againe demanded a Gunn swearing with very many deepe oathes that hee would kill the said Mr Henry Creswicke where euer hee met him if he were hanged presently and all this was done as these deponents conceiue to take possession of the said Fauxe his house and further they cannot depose

William Huntington the Elder
William Huntington younger

[1] For biographical notes see Appendix, p. 204.

⟨Pages 125 and 126.⟩

1651 January 22. Henry Ably, mariner, concerning damage to a cargo of fish loaded on the "Mary of Bristoll" (Master, Mathew Williamson) on a voyage to New England and Bilbao.

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Before Joseph Jackson Esquire now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll the 28th of January 1651.

Bristoll

Charles Thomson of London baker deposeth and maketh voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God That in the moneth of May 1650 he this deponent went over from this Port in the Barque William of Clevelly [bay *struck through*] in company with one Thomas Blacklock and George Pardue who both brought ouer goods in the said vessell for their particular accompts and after they arriued att Wexford in Ireland the said Blacklocke was inforced to leaue his goods in the hands of one Lawrence Cob (an Inhabitant there) for a certaine summe of money which the said Blacklock had of the said Cob to pay the fraight of the said goods and other charges ; And further this deponent knoweth that the said Pardue and Blacklocke were afterwards partners together in all such as they sent from Wexford to this Port and likewise in all such goods as they receiued from this Port And lastly this deponent knoweth that about the moneth of June following in the said yeare the said Blacklocke died and after his death the said George Pardue went vnto the said Cob and one Captain Wildboare Farmer of the Customhouse and demaunded seuerally quantities of goods then in their Custody of the said Blacklocks who answered they would not deliuer any goods vntill the said Pardue had paid them what the said Blacklocke owed therevpon the said Pardue repaired to the Governor and desired an order [from *struck through*] for the deliuery of the said goods but he would grant noe order vntill the said Pardue had paid what the said Blacklocke owed & afterwards this deponent knoweth that the said Pardue paid vnto the said Cob viijli : xijs & to Captain Wildboare three pounds & odd money & soe the said Pardue received the *⟨page 128⟩* said goods into his custody And this deponent further saith that att the beginninge of the said Blacklocks sicknes hee hath heard him say that if in case it should please god to take him away in that sicknes hee the said Blacklocke had left order with his cousen Pardue to take charge of his goods and to satisfie his debts there

Charles Thomson

⟨Pages 128 and 129.⟩

1651 January 28. John Roch, Keeper of Newgate, Bristol, concerning imprisonment of Margaret Praulfe for falsely claiming marriage with Lionel Duckett, a Bristol doctor, at Kilmanam, near Dublin, Ireland.

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1651 February 2. Etheldred Edwards, of Ham Green, Somerset, mariner employed to survey stowage of goods coming to the Port, concerning stowage of wine on the " Diligence of Bristoll " at Hungroad.

⟨Pages 130 and 131.⟩

1651 February 12. Richard Grumwell, mariner, concerning purchase of train oil prior to a voyage by him in " The Golden Lion " to St. Lucar and its subsequent return to Edward Woolland at Carboneere in Newfoundland. Corroborated by George Cooke.

⟨Pages 131 and 132.⟩

1651 February 11. Robert Stedman, servant to Mr John Harper, linendraper concerning delivery by him of some linen cloth on the " Margaret " (Master, John Kinner) at the back of Bristol for passage to Cork to Mr William Hodder and Mr Thomas Bowles. The delivery was witnessed by Mr George Holbrook, passenger.

⟨Pages 132 and 133.⟩

1651 February 19. John Dolphin and Francis Little, sadler, both servants to Richard Nethway, brewer, concerning business dealings with Mr Constantine Neale of Wexford, Ireland, and Captain Harrison of Waterford and Mr Dolhide of Rosse.

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Bristoll Before the right Worshipfull Joseph Jackson Esquire Maior of the Citty of Bristoll the xxviijth day of February 1651 Mr Francis Yeamans Attorney for the Lady Butler being present assenting to the taking hereof

Edward Morris of the Citty of Bristoll mariner aged 50 yeares or thereabouts maketh voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God that hee well knoweth that the Lady Butler wife of Sir Allen Butler mor' about the monethes of February or March last was two yeares did take to fraight of Edward Burges of Bristoll aforesaid the good barque called the Angell of Bristoll whereof hee was master and Owner for a voyage from this Port of Bristoll over to Youghall in Ireland and this was to carry and transport hir the said Lady Butler and hir family and goods ouer as aforesaid for which she was to giue the said Edward Burges xxli whereof she paid him vli in hand & for earnest of the bargaine and agreement and to bind that she should not goe from the said Burges nor the said Burges from hir[1] and the rest of the money was to be paid after they came over to Youghall in Ireland after which the said Lady [Allen *struck through*] Butler caused hir goods to be brought aboard the said barque (and the said Edward Burges & his company (whereof this deponent was one were ready to take them in and still wayted about it and having taken hir and hir family and all hir goods aboard the barque here at the Key of Bristoll they proceeded on their voyage and went to Hungrode to begon and being there one Captain Ferne that was then Captain of the President Frigott came and stoped the said barque by some auctority as he pretended in regard of the said Ladies transportacion of hir goods ouer for Youghall ; And soe the said barque was enforced to come vp againe to the Key of Bristoll & there she staied vntill about fiue or sixe weekes after before she could be discharged but in the meantyme all the ⟨*page 135*⟩ said Lady Butlers goods were taken out and put aboard another barque there with one John Pym who carried them ouer for Ireland ; And this deponent further maketh oath that by this meanes of stoppinge of the said barque Angell the said Edward Burges lost his fraight and tyme for that present voyage and knoweth alsoe that she was entred in the Custom house here in Bristoll for the voyage

Edward Morris

⟨*Pages 135 and 136.*⟩

1651 March 4. William Knowles of Gloucester, trowman, of the "Bonadventure of Gloucester" concerning barrels of herrings shipped from Bristol, and others from the "Elizabeth of Woolaston" at third weare on the river Wye for Captain

[1] "From hir" *written twice and the first crossed out.*

Thomas Fletcher of Gloucester. Goods passed by Mr Hill the customer at Gloucester, on the assurance of the deponent that the owner Mr Skinner, would pay the dues.

1651 March 5. Edward Johnson, porter, concerning groceries loaded aboard Michael Currents trow from Bridgwater by Mr John Gardner, grocer, during Paul's Fair Weeke.[1]

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1651 February 20. John Blake, Thomas Rawlings and Peter John, all of the ship " Primrose of Kingsaile " (Ireland) concerning leakage of butt of sack taken from Bristol for Joseph Jackson, Mayor of Bristol.

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Bristoll To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come, I Joseph Jackson Esquier now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll in England send greeting in our Lord God everlasting, Knowe yee that this present[2] day of March 1651 Robert Vickris[3] & Peter Beckett both Inhabitants and merchants of good accompt within this Citty came personally before mee the aforesaid Maior and did depose and affirme vpon their corporall oathes voluntary taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God ; That whereas the good shipp called the Content of Bristoll of the burthen of 100 tons or thereabouts whereof was master Lisle Cave and the said two deponents were parte Owners of hir was in the moneth of Aprill 1649 taken to fraight by Thomas Wall, William Bevan[4] and John Knight all merchants of this Citty and Port of Bristoll att the rate of xl li per moneth in equall thirds euery man for himselfe & not one for another for a voyage to the Carebo Islands and from thence to retorne to any free Port in Fraunce or England as by the Charter party made betweene the Owners and merchants aforesaid and now shewed forth may appeare : That the said shipp Content did accordingly set sayle for the voyage in the moneth of Aprill 1649 and the said Thomas Wall went parte merchant [of *struck through*] on hir and that in Aprill then following 1650 she arived att this

[1] St. Paul's Fair was held in the Parish of Temple at the end of January. The Royal Grant is with the records of Temple Church. [See *B.R.S.*, vol. xii, pp. 116-118.

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[3] For biographical details see Appendix, p. 209.

[4] For biographical details see Appendix, p. 201.

Port againe which was a wholl yeares voyage and vpwards by meanes whereof the fraight amounted to neere 500 li which afterwards by some allegacions of the merchants the fraight was reduced to 430 li ; And by reason that the said Thomas Wall came not home vpon hir but staied there in the Country (where hee still remaineth) for ought these deponents know to the contrary havinge neuer bin in ⟨*page 139*⟩ England since) they these deponents being advized by Counsell that hee that received the goods vpon the ships retorne was lyable to pay the fraight did there vpon comence a suite in the Admirall Court here in England for the said Thomas Walls part of the ships fraight that voyage against the said John Knight one of their merchants and after some money and tyme spent in that Court betweene them Wee the said Owners and merchants agreed all[1] to put the same to the arbitracion and censure of Doctor William Turner one of the Advocates and a learned practizer there in the Admirall Court who awarded the said John Knight to pay the Owners the said Thomas Walls part of the 430 li fraight and besides the money towards the Owners Charges in the suite forty shillings which hee paid and satisfied accordingly All which (vpon request) as is iust and vsuall and for further manifestacion of a truth herein I the aforesaid Maior haue thought good to Certifie ; yeeven vnder my hand with the Seale of my office of Maioralty of this Cittie in such Cases vsed the day and yeare first aboue written

Dier
Robt Vickris
Peter Beckett

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⟨*Page 140.*⟩

These may Certifie and make knowne to all whom it shall concerne

Bristoll

That this present xth day of March 1651 Hugh Browne merchant late Maior of this Cittie of Bristoll Robert Yate[2] merchant late one of the Sherriffs of the same Citty and Walter Tocknell[3] merchant alsoe of good accompt within this Citty and one of the Coroners of the same came all three in their owne persons before mee Joseph Jackson Esquire now Maior of the Citty in the Comon place of Audience called the Tolsey of Bristoll & did all depose and

[1] "all" *inserted above the line.*

[2] For biographical details see Appendix, p. 210.

[3] For biographical details see Appendix, p. 208.

affirme vpon their Corporall oathes voluntarily taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God as followeth (vizt) the said Hugh Browne for himselfe made oath and said yt morabout the moneth of October now last past he this deponent caused to be laden aboard the good barque called the Irish merchant of Barnestable of the burthen of 30 tons or thereabouts whereof was master Thomas Baddam then bound from this Port of Bristoll to Corke in Ireland two buts of wynes called secke for thonly & proper accompt of him this deponent Hugh Browne ; And the said Robert Yate & Walter Tocknell did both for themselues make oath and say that the very same voyage they caused a new Cable to be laden aboard the said barque which was to be deliuered aboard a ship of Bristol then at Corke in Ireland for the proper accompt of them the said [company *struck through*] deponents & Robert Yate & Walter Tocknell and Company which barque as these deponents haue all heard was afterwards yt voyage taken as she makinge in for Corke by a man of warr that belonged to the Ile of man and by hir carried with the aforesaid goods and the rest of hir lading thither into the aforesaid Ile of man where it still remaineth for ought they knowe to the Contrary All which vpon request ⟨*page 141*⟩ I thaforesaid Joseph Jackson now Maior as is iust and vsuall haue thought good to Certifie And doe further signifie and attest vpon my owne knowledge that this deponent Hugh Browne is owne of the Aldermen of this Citty of Bristoll and that he and the said Robert Yate and Walter Tocknell as alsoe the said Master Thomas Baddam nor any of them were euer in accon against the Parliament here but haue bin and soe still continue in obedience to the Gouernment here established in this Common wealth and to that purpose they haue all taken the Engagement according to the act made to that intent as may appeare by the Rigister here kept on that behalfe dated vnder my hand with the Common seale of my office of Maioralty in such cases vsed the day and yeare first abouewritten :

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Joseph Jackson Major

Hu Browne
Robert Yate
Walter Tocknell

⟨*Pages 141 and 142.*⟩

1651 March 10. Roger Richards, soapboiler, concerning letter of attorney to Captain Sparling to recover debt from Mr Andrew White, merchant of Waterford, Ireland.

⟨Pages 142 and 143.⟩

1651 March 10. Thomas Deane, grocer, and Christopher Tovey, soapboiler, concerning goods of theirs lost on "The Irish Merchant of Barnstaple" (Master, Thomas Baddam) when taken as described in the deposition before last. Certificate by Mayor that they have subscribed to the Act of Conformity to the Government.

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1651 March 16. John Hill, sailor, of "The Thomas of Bristoll" (Master, Christopher Dunn and owner Mr Thomas Amory) concerning broaching of cask of white wine belonging to the boatswain, Francis Jones, by Mr Amory's servant John Soly, because of the shortage of beer and water on board on a voyage from Rochelle and Cresicke in France.

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Bristoll

The Examinacion of John Roe aged 30 yeares or thereabouts & Richard Canwell aged about 30 years alsoe both Irishmen & of the Company of [the *struck through*] a Little Barque called now the Edmond of Bristoll but formerly called the Anne & Mary of Naunce in France of the burthen of 20 tons or thereabouts : Taken before Joseph Jackson Esquier now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll the xxijth day of March 1651 as followeth viz

The said John Roe being examined vpon oath saith That hee hath knowne the said vessell for these nyne monethes last past and that one Captain Francis Esmond was Comander of the same vessell by virtue of a Comission from the Earle of Darby (as hee hath heard) and knoweth that the same vessell was in actuall service against the Parliament of England and that the said Captain Easmond tooke two English vessells prize and brought them into the Ile of Man And knoweth that the said Captain Easmond was enforced to take the said Comission vpon him & the reason was because the said Captain had this very vessell taken att Sea before and carried into the Iland & was in suite of Law for hir but could not haue hir vntill hee had taken vpon him the said Comission to goe as a Captaine in hir and afterwards this Examinant came in the said vessell with the said Captaine Easmond to Stt Mallowes in France (and as he hath heard the said Captain Easmond there sold this vessell to one Mr Edmond Yeamans of Bristoll merchant and soe this Examinant with the said Captain Easmond & Mr

Yeamans about three weeks since sett sayle from Stt Mallowes aforesaid for this Port of Bristoll and in their voyage were taken by one Captain Stokes Comander of the dragon Frigott who tooke security from the said Mr Yeamans as ⟨*page 146*⟩ (as hee hath heard) and soe freed the said barque and goods which was fifty three hogsheds of Honey and fower Guns and further cannot depose

Joseph Jackson Major John Roe

And the said Richard Canwell being examined vpon oath saith That hee was Master of the said vessell now called the Edmond of Bristoll in hir last voyage from Stt Mallowes to this Port of Bristoll and hath heard that the said Francis Easmond was formerly Captain of the said vessell by a Comission from the Earle of Darby And saith that about 3 weekes since hee sett sayle in the said vessell together with the said Captain Easmond & one Mr Edmond Yeamans of Bristoll merchant who as this Examinant heard bought the same vessell of the said Easmond) for this Port laden with about 53 hogsheds of honey & about fower guns in hir & being on hir voyage was taken by one Captain Stokes Comander of the dragon Frigott who tooke security of the said Mr Yeamans & freed the said barque and goods And further deposeth that since the said barque came out of the Ile of Man which was about 6 monethes since she was new out of Stt Mallowes & further saith not

Joseph Jackson Major Richard Canwell

⟨*Pages 147 and 148.*⟩

1651 Undated. Elizabeth Arundell, widow of Edmond Arundell, and Edmond Arundell, his son, concerning administration of the estate.

1651 March 24. Nathaniel Haynes concerning the administration by Nicholas Haynes of the estate of Richard Graves of Ireland on behalf of his daughter Jane, now resident with Nicholas Haynes at Gloucester.

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ade a copy this for Mr. mes Powell amberlaine Aprill 1652

The Examinacion of Nicholas French merchant of the barque George of Avon of the burthen of 24 tons or thereabouts & Andrew French master of the same vessell taken vpon oath before Joseph Jackson Esquire now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll the vth day of Aprill 1652 as followeth (vizt)

The said Nicholas French and Andrew French for themselves say that about 15 daies since past they set sayle from a place called Greatmans Harbour neere the Iles of Aron in Ireland in Armes against the[1] Parliament of England and bound for the Ports of Naunce or Stt Mallowes in Fraunce laden with about 1300 and odd salt hydes, and 4 hogsheds of Tallow; 2 baggs of wooll, 3 Fardells of Frizes and ruggs, and about three hundred weight of broken brasse or Skruffe and other small goods and in their voyage bound for Fraunce as aforesaid [their *struck through*] in or vpon the 29th day of March last being betweene the Ile of Silly and Ireland they were surprized and taken by the shipp Joseph of Bristoll whereof Richard Taylor was Comander and the ship david of the said Citty whereof one John Jones was Comaunder and vpon Satterday last being the third day of this instant moneth[2] they were brought vp in the said vessell into this Port of Bristoll called Hungrode and further they cannot depose

Joseph Jackson Major

Nicholas French
Andrew French

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Bristoll

Before Joseph Jackson Esqre now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll the viijth day of[3] 1652

William Bently the younger of the Citty of Bristoll Grocer aged 24 yeares or etc ; deposeth and maketh voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God that about the beginning of the moneth of december last past hee this deponent being att Cardiffe in the County of Glamorgan in the house of one Mr Richard Sheares a vintner there in company with one John Morgan of this Citty vpholster amongest discourse betweene them of one [Jon *struck through*] Mr Stubbs of this Citty vintner hee the said Morgan did speake & declare of the said Mr Stubs these words following (that is to say) the said Mr Stubbs is a cheate & I will proue it hee hath cheated a freind of myne of about thirty or forty pounds & further cannot depose

William Bently Junior

1652 Aprill 8. James Bubb, servant to Richard Stubbs, vintner, concerning dealings of his master with Mr Sheares of Cardiff.

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1652 Aprill 13. Sarah Coxe, Daughter-in-law of William Coxe, decd., concerning two wills, one left with his wife and one with Mrs Child of " The Rose Tavern ", Bristol. Mention of his son Hugh Coxe and Mr Morgan of Wells.

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Bristoll

Before the right worshipfull Joseph Jackson Esquire now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll the xiiij day of Aprill 1652 between Walter Hunt plaintiff & John Yate defendant in an accion of the case.

William Perks a seaman aged nyneteene yeares or theraboute being now Imprested for the seruice of the State of England, and ready to goe away for Chattam—according to order, Maketh voluntary Oath taken vpon the holie Evangelists of God, that abought the latter end of the last Somer when the[1] Scots Army weare at Worcester, hee this deponent was then one of the company of a Trow of Worcester wherof the now deponent was then one of the company of a Trow of Worcester, wherof the now deponent, John Yeates was Owner ; and knoweth that at that time the said Trow called the John, burthen twenty tons, or therabouts, being heare at the Back of Bristoll, was hyred to carry vp to Worcester aforesaid Oates and some other provisions to the Army there, vnder the Command of the Lord Generall Cromwell, And accordingly the partie that hyred the said Trow (what his name was, this deponent knoweth not) but hath heard his name was Mr Hunt of Bristoll) gave direccions, to this deponent, and the rest of the Company (being three more, besides the Owner) to take aboarde such goods as he that hyred the trow, brought[2] Downe to the backs, And accordingly they did take aboard them Diuers parcells of Oates, in Sacks, which weare shut lose into the hold, and what else was putt abord this deponent knoweth not, but saith that he well remimbreth, that iust as they were setting saile, there, lay a barrill, what was in it, they know not, Downe at Gibtayler, at the lower end of the Marsh of Bristoll, but whoe brought it there, they know not, nor were called to take it aboard, by any body there nor saw any one, that owned it, and so they went downe the riuer

[1] " the " *inserted above the line.*
[2] " u " *inserted above the line.*

and away there voyage, hauing the said Barrill ther ashoare; and wat Became of it since this deponent knoweth not: And further he deposeth not.

William Perks

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1652 April 28. Andrew French, master of "The George of Aron" (Ireland) and Francis French, merchant, concerning its taking as prize by "The Joseph of Bristoll" (Commander Richard Taylor) after its purchase from Colonel Morris Lench by Anthony (brother of Francis) and Richard Lench of Galway.

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1652 May 1. William Boult, ropemaker, and Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Piggatt, carpenter concerning delivery from her house in Back street to the Trowe of John Smith of Bewdley, of a runlet of green ginger.

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1652 May 4. Edward Mayo, boatswain of "The Abraham of Bristoll" (Master, Edward Hooper) concerning shipments of sugar from Nevis and St. Christopher's Islands, by Charles Evans for the account of John Jenkins at Kinsale (Ireland) and their sale to Daniel English, of Bandon Bridge.

⟨Pages 155 and 156.⟩

1652 May 8. William Robson, master of "The Marygold of Bristol" and Richard Hudson, master of "The Trial of Bristol" concerning signing of a document by Edward Thimblethorpe at Lisbon in Portugal. Copy of document follows, relating to purchase of ropes from Simon Wills, Master of "The Fortune of Bristol".

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1652 May 18. Francis Sanders, wife of Matthew Sanders, merchant of Broad Street, concerning money had by Richard Locke to purchase butter in Waterford in Ireland for John Locke.

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1652 May 18. Richard Vickris, William Cann[1] *and Miles Jackson, Aldermen of Bristol, concerning share of Mr William Bevan, merchant, in "The Fellowship of Bristol", when it was taken prize by a Parliament Man-of-War.*[2]

1652 May 24. George Pope of London, salter, concerning his apprenticeship to John Boxe, of London, salter and his admission as a freeman by Mr Bateman, Chamberlain.

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Bristoll

To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come I Joseph Jackson Esquire now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll in England send greeting in our Lord God everlasting Knowe yee that this five and Twenteth day of May In the yeare of our Lord God 1652 Phenix Tyler of the Citty of Bristoll Mariner aged Fifty yeares or thereabouts came personally before mee thaforesaid Maior and did depose and affirme vpon his corporall oath voluntarily taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God That this deponent on the foureteenth day of July last past being att the Seige of Limbrick in Ireland mett and came acquainted with Mr William How sonne of[3] Howe Esquier then High Sherriffe of the County of Gloucester who was then in Leivetennante Generall Ludlows Regiment and havinge some discourse with him concerning his being their in that condicion the said Mr William How the sonn desired mee to lend him one hundred pounds in money telling mee that he would give me a bill of Exchange vpon his father to pay the same vnto this deponent here in England and therevpon this deponent paid the said summe of one hundred pounds by order[4] from the said Mr William How and in the presence of him to the said Leivetennante Generalls Secretary in his Tent there att the Seige of Limbricke which said summe of money only forty shillings taken and reserved out of the same by the said Mr William How was in the said Leivetennante Generalls presence put into a Chest in the same [that the said *struck through*] Tent and then the said William How gave this deponent three Bills of Exchange vpon his said father and shortly after this deponent went over for England and came to the said Mr How then Sheriffe and shewed vnto him

[1] For biographical details see Appendix, p. 202.
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[3] Blank left in text.
[4] "by order" *written twice and the first struck through.*

the Bill of Exchange passed vpon him by his said sonn Mr William How and a letter from him and the Leivetennante Generall for the good and sure payment of the same money and therevpon the said Mr Howe the Sherriffe shewed this deponent a receipt vnder the hand of the said Leivetennante Generalls wife And Afterwards the said Sherriffe Howe paid vnto this deponent the said One hundred pounds in discharge of the said Bills And retorninge shortly after into Ireland againe with letters from the said Sherriffe Howe and his sonn Mr John Howe (who gave this deponent order ⟨*page 160*⟩ to deliver his said Brother Mr William [1]Howe in Ireland such moneyes as hee required and wanted and he would satisfie and pay the same as he promised in the presence of Lewes Weaver of this Citty Scrivener and arriveing at Ireland in the month of december last past hee this deponent meting with the said Mr William Howe at Limbricke in Ireland deliuered the said Letters vnto him and finding him in a lamentable sad condicion wantinge horse clothes and all other necessaryes belonging to a gentelman of his quallitie I demanded of him whether he had received the hundred pounds I paid for him to the Leivetennante Generalls Secretary or the hundred pounds paid for him to the said Leivetennante Generalls wife who answered and protested vnto me that he had not received one penny more then the forty shillings he received of this deponent in to the tent ; And finding by his brotheres letter that this deponent should furnish him with what moneyes he wanted he had of this deponent Tenn pounds in moneyes and the peece of gold which the lady his said Brother John's wife had sent vnto him and about the fowerteenth day of January following vizt last past this deponent lent him five pounds more and vpon the Shrove tewsday following the said Mr William Howe had of him this deponent five pounds more and then this deponent demanded of the said Mr William Howe a bill of Exchange for the said money who answered that as sone as he had his clothes fitted for him hee would give this deponent a bill in full for the said moneys ; But never came to this deponent againe but went out of Limbricke towards Notlong a place in the Country about tenn miles from limbricke vnknowne to this deponent and in his Jorney was sett vpon by a company of Iresh Tories and was by them [sh *struck through*] slaine and afterwards brought and buried in notlong about the beginning of March last he this deponent being att his Funerall All which I the aforesaid Maior

[1] " John " *struck through and* " William " *written above it.*

haue thought good to Certifie yeoven vnder my hand with the seale of my office of Maioralty the day and yeare abouesaid.

Joseph Jackson mayor Dier

Phelip Tyler

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1652 May 27. Henry Morgan, master of "The John of Bristol", Cornelius Peterson, masters mate and John Clayson, boatswain concerning discovery of some white wine among their cargo by Mr Nutbrowne, Surveyor for the Port of Bristol, after a voyage from Rochelle.

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Corroborative statement by Richard Vickris, William Willett, John Willoughby and John Peterson, merchants and owners of the "John".

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1652 May 28. Unsigned statement concerning Mr William Beavan's part ownership of "The Fellowship of Bristol" (Master, William Hall) when she was taken prize by a Parliament Man-of-War.

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1652 June 2. John Rogers, of Lydney in the Forest of Dean, Glos., husbandman, and Isabel, wife of William Browne, husbandman concerning families of James and Robert Prince. James, living in Bristol, had one son, William, and grandsons Edward and John; and Robert, living in London, had one son, John, who became a goldsmith.

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1652 June 22. William Long, gentleman, concerning debt of Mistress Johane Katelby, of Youghall, Ireland, widow, and daughter of Mr John Moodie to Thomas Mason of Bristol.

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1652 July 3. Captain Thomas Dancer, Governor of the Fort of Rosslare, Wexford, Ireland concerning money paid by Isaac Johnse-Lamey, master of " The Persian of Middleborough ", and borrowed by him from Mr Edward Wiseman, merchant, of Wexford, to redeem the ship after capture by Captain Hebdich. Money paid at Green Oare Bay, near Rosslare.

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These may signifie and make knowne to all whome it shall concerne That this present third day of July 1652 Thomas Wright servant to Mr John Wright[1] of the Citty of Bristoll merchant aged one and Twenty yeares or thereabouts and Richard Horwood of Barnestable in the County of Devon merchant aged one and thirty yeares or thereabouts came both personally before mee Joseph Jackson Esquire now major of the Citty of Bristoll and did depose and affirme vpon their Corporall oathes voluntarily taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God ; and the said Thomas Wright for himselfe saith as followeth that in the moneth of November 1652 hee this deponent set sayle from this Port of Bristoll in the Shipp Charles of Gloucester whereof William Phelps was Master and Mr Walter deyos[2] and James Croft[3] of this Citty were merchants of the same shipp ; and this deponent was part Factor and afterwards this deponent with the said shipp arriued att Falmouth in Cornwale in the same moneth of November and tooke in the said shipps lading of Pilchards, and this deponent vpon the ninth day of the same moneth haueing some buisnes there went ashore to dispatch it and acquainted the said master thereof but hauinge done his buisnes about four or five howers after, retorned towards the same shipp againe att which time the said William Phelps was set sayle with the same shipp out of the said Port towards the Ilands of the Canaries and left this deponent behind ; And therevpon this deponent imediately travelled to Plimouth from thence to the Ile of Weight and therehence to London and not finding any passage att any of the said ports for the Iland of Canaries this deponent tooke passage from London to Holland and from thence to the Canaries where this deponent arived sixe dayes after the said Phelps set sayle from thence in which Jorneys and passage cost

[1] For biographical details see Appendix, p. 210.

[2] For biographical details see Appendix, p. 205.

[3] For biographical details see Appendix, p. 204.

this deponent aboue thirty pounds sterlinge all which was occasioned by reason of the said William Phelps his setting sayle with the said shipp from falmouth and leavinge this deponent behind, this deponent being by order from the said Mr deyos and Mr Crofte merchants to haue the assistance of Mr Gowen Paynter a merchant resident in the Canary Ilands to see the goods in the same shipp might be sould and the retornes or proceeds of the same be imployed in wines and to be loaden aboard of the said shipp vnder one marke and vpon this deponents arrivall there at the Canaries he demanded an account of the said Gowen Panter who told this deponent that the said Shipp was gon from the said Ilands and that what goods was consigned to this deponent in perticuler in wollen goods and some other goods ; the said William Phelps carried backe in the said shipp to the valew of four hundred pounds sterling ⟨*page 167*⟩ and likewise told this deponent that the said William Phelps would not discharge the said shipps ladinge at Laretabo but set sayle from thence (when many other shipps remained in that Port) to Stt A Cruse, and afterwards the said Mr Gowen Paynter shewed this deponent a Letter from the said William Phelps directed to him from Stt a Cruse which this deponent knew to be the said William Phelps his owne hand wrightinge in answere to a Letter sent to the said Phelps by the said Mr Paynter for the bringinge of the said shipp from Stt a Cruse to Laretabo, in which Letter the said Phelps answered that he would not com with the said shipp from thence and that the said Mr Paynter might as well discharge and relade the said shipp there as att Laretabo ; By meanes whereof the said Mr Paynter was constrained to haue the goods brough[*t*] about to Laretabo and other places to the Merchants great charge for boat Losse and damage Sale att least one hundred pounds sterling And in regard the said William Phelps would not come from the Port of Stt a Cruse hee could not Lode any good wines but such as he could get there which is the worst sort of Wynes in the Iland, and but fifty pipes of wines neither and there by the said shipp come home to this port one hundred and fifty pipes of wyne dead fraight And lastly this deponent saith that the said Mr Paynter alsoe told this deponent that at the dispatchinge of the same Shipp the said Mr Phelps desired him that he would not wright home to his merchants sayinge if you doe I am vtterly vndone.

Thomas Wright.

Corroborative statement by Richard Horwood.

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1652 July 5. Roger Long, woollen draper, concerning debt to him of Captain Nicholas Bromby and part payment of it to his agent Mr Richard French of Cork, Ireland. He cancels previous letter of attorney to Mr Holmes of Cork.

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1652 July 1. Anthony Talbott of Wexford, Ireland, concerning purchase of "The Persian of Middlesborough" by Isaac Janslamey master, after her capture by Captain Hebditch near Rosslare. Bond for money between Edward Wiseman and Isaac Jan Slaney & Jan Isbrant.

Bristoll

These may signifie etc ; that this presente 12th day of July 1652 the persons whose names are herevnto subscribed & likewise to the note herevnto annexed all of the company of the shipp Fortune of Middlebrough of Holland lately taken by the ship discouery whereof Thomas Meriott was Comander came all personally before mee Joseph Jackson Esquier [now Mai *struck through*] etc ; & did all depose and make vpon the holy Evangelists of God by the Interpretacion of John Peterson sworne alsoe to that purpose that they these deponents were taken about the latter end of the moneth of June last past or the begininge of this instant moneth they were taken by the aforesaid shipp discouery & vpon the third day of this instant moneth they deliuered vnto the aforesaid Captain Meriatt all the mony gold plate Jewells & other things mencioned in the note *⟨page 170⟩* of Inventory herevnto annexed to which each owner hath subscribed his name & then the said Captain Meriot promised to deliuer the same money plate Jewells and other things to them againe And of the truth herein I thaforesaid Maior vpon request haue thought good to Certifie Yeoven vnder my hand with the Common seale of this Citty in such cases vsed the date & yeare first aboue written

dyer

These goods vnder written were delivered Huberett Boan Shipper of the Fortune of Middlebourh vnto Captain Thomas Meriott Captain of the Shipp discovery which he received of ditto Boan and passengers and put it in a Chest aboard his owne Shipp and lockt it vp and promised that he would deliuer them againe

	li	s	d
5 Baggs with money sealed vp containing	320	- 00	- 00
1 Little Bagg with ducketts			
a Silver beaker filled with ducketts			
a boxe with Jewells Sealed vp belonging vnto the Two children of the Lord Beeckworth			

More deliuered by Hubert Cornelis
2 baggs of money containing 28 ducketoons
1 hundred chercher[1] laye vp full of money
7 silver spoones

More of Anthony Gawsepoell
1 bagg not sealed containing 912 Shillings
3 baggs containing 22 peces of eight
1 bagg sealed containing 200 Roks dolors
1 little bag sealed vp with gold the sum he knowes not
1 Corns nutt with 216 Testoones
1 small Chest directed to Isabella Van Hurston
1 great silver Cupp

More of John Willensen Spers
5 bags with mony sealed vp with divers signetts
1 paper sealed vp with Jewells
2 silver spoones with a silver Bason
1 1 silver knife with a silver Forke
1 large silver pipe
2 gold rings with some peeces of gold (vizt) One

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One great dyamond Ring on [*e*] great esmerall ring
one little ring some strange siluer money bound
vp in a black satten cap

Moore of Nicholas Sterling
28 siluer spoones
3 siluer beakers
1 great siluer bason with the cover
12 siluer basons more a little lesse then the former
1 siluer salt
1 siluer cann
1 siluer kettle

[1] *i.e.* Kercher, a corrupt form of kerchief.

3 little siluer dishes
1 watch
2 baggs of money one of which is bound in two
& thother hath a letter sewed vpon

deliuered vnto the Master of the said ship by Antony Gauspod vizt
2 gold rings one with a great stone & thother plaine
1 box sealed vp with gowen doppen pearles & gold braslets
1 bagg of money containing 46li
1 siluer tooth picker, with some other such trifles

Moore a great deale of money plate Jewells etc ; of divers passengers to a very great value which was taken of them by force of plundring for they plundred them of all their chests boxes packs & whatsouer was betwixt decks

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1652 July 16. Francis Tayler, boatswain, Symon Whittenton, gunner, Robert Allexander, carpinter, Charles Smyth & Henry Haggerston all of "the Sarah of London" (master, James Nicholas), concerning seizure by John James, Customs officer of Bristol, of certain alleged French wines brought from Passage in Biscay, Spain.

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1652 July 28. John Deane, grocer, formerly servant to William Pinney, grocer, concerning goods supplied to Walter Jones of Llanelly, Carmarthen, for the use of Richard Hilton of Bringwin in the same county.

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1652 July 29. Stephen Warren, master of "The Virginia Merchant of Bristol" and Edward Gibbes, masters mate, concerning capture of a Flemish ship "The Golden Lyon" at James River, Virginia either by one Captain Jesson or by three London ships—"The Seaven Sisters" (commander, Abraham

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Read) ; " *The Charles* " (*commander, Thomas Wilson*) *and another commanded by Nathaniel Jesse.* [*This entry is apparently unfinished.*]

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1652 August 6. Agnes Browne, wife of William Browne of Fivehead Magdalen, Som., concerning her presence in Alice Gillets house at Kenn when Thomas Rowe, tanner, borrowed money of the daughter Jane Gillett, now wife of Robert Russell alias Crocker, with Marke Fetes as surety.

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1652 August 7. Anne Bainham of Yate, Glos., daughter of Mary concerning her presence in her mother's kitchen with her sisters Mary Gery and Elizabeth Crumwell when James Bubb, butcher of Tuxbury acknowledged his debt for cattle to her brother Henry Bainham.

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Bristoll Before Joseph Jackson Esquire now maior of the city of Bristoll the seaventh day of August 1652

Anthony Larkin of greate Marlowe in the County of Buckingham[1] Linnen draper and Joyce his wife doth both depose and make voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelist of god That in the moneth of June last past Robert Larkyn linnendraper travillinge towards west Chester Faire with twoe horses loaden with Certaine draperie wares In his said Jorney thither made a stay att the City of Hereford att an Inn there comonly caled the White Swann on friday the eighteenth day of June now last past and then and there vnloaded his said horses and caused his said wares to bee carried vpp into a Chamber of the said Inn and Imediatly therevpon then and there had & received seuerall

[1] " Buck " *written on line above and struck through, then whole word rewritten.*

other draperie wares from one Jones a carrier of hereford aforesaid which the same Carrier had lately before brought from London for the said Robert Larkins vse And this deponents further make oathe that as soone as the said Robert Larkyn had received the same draperie wares from the said Carrier he opened both those & the wares which he brought to heriford with him as aforesaid in the same Chamber to sorte the same and put them into Fardells[1] fitt to be tendred to sale at west Chester faire aforesaid And as the said Robert Larkyn was soe sorting the same wares one George Hall of the said City of Hereford came into the said Chamber & tooke vp in to his hands one peece of Roane linnen parcell of the said Robert Larkyns said wares conteyning about 13 ells & asked the price of it which said Robert Larkin therevpon then tould him the price of itt att which very instant there came one Robert Symonds a shopp keeper of hereford aforesaid into the same Chamber and by force tooke away the Lynnen Alledginge that the said Robert Larkyn had forficted the same by giveinge a price thereof in that Citty And theis deponents further make oath that they were present in the same Chamber att the same time ⟨*page 178*⟩ that the said Hall & Symonds or either of them weere there & hard all the words that parted twixt the said Robert Larkyn and the said George Hall touchinge the same peece of Roane Lynnen & that there was not any price agreed on or bargaine made betweene them for the same And they further make oath that the said Hall is a shopkeeper in the said Citty of Hereford and there publiquely selleth several sorts of wares as knives Spurrs & other such like comodities and is generally accompted a freman of the said Citty and the said Symonds in particuler[2] acknowledged him to be a freman of the same Citty in this deponents hearinge And lastlie these deponents make oath that the said Robert Larkin ymediatlyie vpon the taking of the said Roane Lynnen by the said Robert Symonds as aforesaid required the same of the said Robert Symonds and the said Robert Symonds denyed to deliver the same to the said Robert Larkin ; And further they cannot depose

Joseph Jackson Maior

Anthony ^ Larkin
Joyce ℘ Larkin

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[1] *i.e.* bundle or pack.

[2] " Partic " *struck through on line above and then whole word rewritten.*

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1652 August 12. William Cary of Lisnegarvey, Ulster, concerning voyage to Carrickfergus, Ireland, in "The Love's Increase" in company with William Knight, linendraper and Thomas Price, and his business dealings with the latter.

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1652 August 21. James Martin, servant to Thomas Bubb, grocer, concerning debt of Francis Norman of Youghall, Cork, to his master. Copy of bill follows.

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Bristoll

These may signifie and make knowne to all whom it shall concerne That this presente Three and twentith day of August 1652 Thomas Gould of the City of Bristoll merchant came personally before me Joseph Jackson Esquire now Maior of the City of Bristoll aforesaid and did depose and make voluntary oath taken vpon the holy evangeliste of god That on the first day of June in the yeare 1650 this deponent being then merchant resident in Lisboa in Portugall doth know that the seuerall quantities of goods mencioned in the accompt herevnto annexed to which he hath subscribed his name were sequestred by order of the Kinge of Portugall and seized on and taken away from Mr George Lane the younger of the city of Bristoll merchant but then resident there in Lisboa in Portugall who never received them or any of them againe to this deponent knowledge ; All which vpon request (as is Iust and vusall and for further manifestacion of a Truth therein I the aforesaid Maior haue thought good to Certifie Yeoven vnder my hand with the Common Seale of my office of Maioralty of this Citty in such cases vsed the day and yeare aboue written Dier

Joseph Jackson Maior Tho : Gould Jnr

In June the tenth day 1650

A perfect and true accompt of what goods debts & moneys etc was taken from George Lane the younger in Lixboa at the tyme of sequestration of English merchants in which time he was there presente and not only lost the followinge effects but was in parson banished from the Citty of Lixboa twenty odd leagues and imprisoned in the towne of Tomar fiue monethes by the kings

spetiall Comaund vnto his disembargador Antio: de soura Tauares vizt:

Imprimis was embargued by the aforesaid in the hands of John and Moses Barthurst English merchants one thousand six hundred & thirteen mils[1] two hundred and sixty and three res[2] owinge to me the said George Lane by them the aforesaid vpon three bills vnder their hands accordinge to the Portugues forme viz: for the first one thousand & seaven mils two hundred sixty and three res payable one demands the second bill for 400m payable in 4 monethes the 3 for 206m payable in 5 monethes after the time of sequestracion 16132^{m} 63

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owinge vnto me the said George Lane by [Richard *struck through*] Thome de Conto shopkeeper on a bill from him one hundred thirty four mil one hundred & fifty res which bill was taken by the disembargador & they recovered the mones thereof 134R150

By diogo Ferrara shopkeeper by one bill from him Forty & fiue mil two hundred res which was likewise keept in possession of the Disemborder & they recoveringe the money 45^{m} 200

By the Bolco alias Called the Brazill Company of Lixboa was owinge me the said George Lane the younger one hundred & fifty miles as per a bond vnder their hands which bond was taken in to the possession of ditto disembargador 150^{m} 000

By Antonio lopes Gomes was owinge me the abouesaid seaventy four mils two hundred res which was by him manifested & payd vnto them & is 74^{m} 200

By Gacper de Reies which he likewise manifested and went on payinge as per two bills one of three hundred and twenty miles the other of twenty both in three hundred and forty miles 340^{m} 000

By Simad leues was owinge to me the abouesaid at same time seaventy six miles which he went on payinge afterward and is 76^{m} 000

[1] A Portuguese silver coin.

[2] A Portuguese base coin.

By Manvell Roizt Franco was owinge me ninty nine mill eight hundred res these the thre foremost are all shop keepers and is 99^{m} 800

Brought from the other side as appeareth

owinge by Thomas Addingtad shopkeeper one hundred & sixty miles vpon one bill which being in demand pro via Justice the same was there embargued by the kinge and an order giuen for non proceedinge in Englishmens causes nor trialls to be hard 160^{m}

owing by Manoell lopes Coalho vpon one bill 300 m whereof I receaued satisfaccion for ½ the other ½ beinge 150 m it was likewise demaunded pro via Justice & the same was likewise let fall by reason of the kings order & since both them men haue absented themselves & the debts like to be lost 150^{m} 000

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taken & leased vpon in goods 24 lili' whereof 15 was full of pure oyle & cost with charges paid vnto Antonio as lead two hundred & forty miles which is since sold by the kings officers & the mony they haue received which they entred in the disembargadors Inventory 240^{m}

there was in one Canostre a parcell of Beads taken in the house of the aforesaid George Lane quite 480 doz. strings valewed at 20 res as per Inventory of the disembargador And amounting to 115^{m}

there was taken in the lodg 35 dozen Calueskins which was put in the Inventory & sold by them at thre m per dozen amounting to one hundred & fiue miles 105^{m} 000

one seck of sugar quite 7 Cwt & cost 3 m 200 es per C 22^{m} 400

By all sorts of houshold stufe taken & Inventory 160^{m} 000

In Alcocketts a towne wher they make sault was embargued & taken for the kings accompt out of the hands of Manoell Goodmelo 260 [1] out of the salt workes Manoell lopes Coalero which I tooke for parte of my debt he owed me as abouesaid 156^{m} 000

[1] Word indecipherable.

In Alfonsa alias de Custome house was ceased vpon 3 chests of Balia white sugar which came vpon the fleet after sequestracion loden by Antonio Fides Picotes & cost 180^{m} 000

Brought from the other side as appeared By soe much owinge me per the officers of the Cara de Madora beinge one hundred & eighty miles they seased vpon wrongfully vpon pretence of Custome I owed them for a Carvell of which I had noe parte nor Interest as most of the English merchants can testifie and is 180^{m} 000

Ceased vpon by order of the kinge in the Bahia aboard the Sarah of London two Chests of white sugar loaden by Anthony Fres Puotes for my Accompt and are worth 110^{m} 000

Ceased vpon more by order from the kinge in Bahia in Negros brought from Angola a board the Mary and John to the value of that they was there sould for eight hundred m 800^{m} 000

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The totall of what was taken away & ceased vpon by the Kinge of Portugall from George Lane the younger of Bristoll merchant then Resident in Lixboa is as aboue appeares

Thomas Gould

1652 August 28. Constantine Neale of Wexford, Ireland, merchant concerning beer shipped on "The Ann Pinke" by Richard Nethway, brewer, to Mr William Olebourne, collector of customs in Wexford, who sold some to Thomas Jones, who gave his bond for it. Olebourne was imprisoned for false accounts and made over the bill to Mr James Morley, treasurer, and Jones was also imprisoned. Some of the beer was traded for Herrings which were shipped back on "The Ann Pinke".

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Bristoll

These may Certifie and make knowne to all whome it shall concerne that this present xxvjth day of August in the yeare of our Lord one thousand sixe hundred Fifty and two (according to the English stile) William Gibbs a merchant borne in this Citty of Bristoll and now here resident ; beinge forty yeares of age and

upwards ; And william Gibbs his sonne now here resident alsoe ; and aged[1] yeares or nere thereabouts ; came both personally before me Joseph Jackson Esquire now Maior of this Citty of Bristoll And the said William Gibbs the father did declare and affirme vpon his corporall oath voluntarilie taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God that he this deponent havinge lived vpon the Iland of the Barbadoes in the west Indies by the space of Fifteene yeare now last past and for the most parte in the parish of Stt James there did in that time well knowe one Mr Robert Parker, an English planter, then there dwellinge in the said Iland alsoe and had a good plantacion there of his owne and was a kinsman to this deponent and was well acquainted with him whoe was fortie yeares of age (as this deponent beliueth) at the time of his death which was about thend of February now last past which this deponent knoweth to be true because shortly after the said Robert Parkers death, he this deponent spake with the said Parkers widow, in the yard neere the place where the court [was *struck through*] is keept there for the Iland and they had conference together about hir husbands death ; And afterwards this deponent spake againe with one Mr John[2] a planter there alsoe that dwelt with the said Robert Parker and was hir owne brother and was speaking of the death of the said Robert Parker and was lamenting and condolinge the same and told this deponent the manner how he tooke his sicknes and death as he conceved which was about the time of the cominge of the fleet to the Iland of the barbadoes vnder the comand of Sir George Ascue ⟨*page 186*⟩ that after the said Iland was then surrendered he the said Robert Parker went aboard most of the shippinge there in the roade ; to seeke for somme of his servants that had then escaped away and whome he hoped to find aboard That by that meanes getting a surfett or some other desease amonge them he died in a weeke after And this was about thend of february last as aforesaid, by which and some other circumstances this deponent certainly knoweth and is soe induced to beliue that the said Robert Parker is there dead and was buried at the Bridge towne parish there on the Iland (albeit he this deponent saith that he did not see the said Parker dead nor was present at his buriall) And besides he further saith that it was given out there in the Iland that the said Robert Parkers widow was to be married to another shortly

[1] Blank left in text.

[2] Blank left in text.

after but what he was or whether it be soe or not this deponent knoweth not And the said William Gibbes the sonn for himselfe declareth (beinge admonished to declare the truth) as the manner is That the said Mr John[1] the said widow Parker's brother was at this deponents fathers house there in the Iland in two or three dayes after the said Robert Parkers death and buriall and told them of it and named the bridge towne parish in the church yard there where he was buried as in effect is before affirmed and sett downe and which for the better satisfaccion of these whom it shall concerne and the further manifestacion of a truth herein I the aforesaid Maior [Maior *struck through*] of the said Cittie have thought good to certifie Yeoven vnder my hand with the Comon seale of this Citty in such causes vsed the day and yeare first aboue written

Joseph Jackson Maior William Gibbs
William Gibbs

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1652 September 6. John Angle, master of "The Henry of Bristoll" bound on a voyage to Ireland, concerning a case to be tried in the Sheriff's Court between Morgan Thomas, merchant and Nicholas Brown Fitz James, merchant, of Galway, about the lading of "The Mayflower of Bristol" with various skins.

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Bristoll

Before Joseph Jackson Esquire now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll the 17th of September 1652

John Blanch of the Citty of Bristoll Cooper aged 52 yeares or thereabouts came personally before the aforesaid Maior & did depose and affirme vpon his corporall oath voluntaryly taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God that about the latter end of the moneth of February last past hee this deponent being in Company with one Henry Smyth a Trowman att the Starr Taverne on the Key they then and there agreed to trucke masting for red herrings and pore John[2] and therevpon this deponent agreed to take of the said Smyth fifteene bushells of Mastyn otherwise mayled wheate at the rate of 5s 4d per bushell and hee the said Smyth was to take for the same Corne red herrings att 3s 4d the hundred

[1] Blank left in text.

[2] A name for hake or other fish, salted and dried for food.

and poore John att nyne shillings the hundred [as much as the *struck through*] vntill hee was satisfied as much as the said Masting was worth and this is the truth of the bargaine betweene them and not otherwise

Joseph Jackson Major

Bristoll

Before Joseph Jackson Esquire now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll the 18th of September 1652

Thomas Capon of Southampton baker aged 24 yeares or thereabouts deposeth and maketh voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God that vpon the fower & twentith day of December in the yeare 1649 hee this deponent did see one John Woodshell then a souldier in the Company of Captain Emery together with himselfe and the rest of the souldiers there take & subscribe the enjoyned Engagement before Maior Mumpford Lievetenant Duntford and Ensigne George Burton Commissioners appoynted by Acte of Parliament for taking subscriptions of those who tooke the engagement within the same Towne.

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1652 September 18. Henry Squarrell of Bridgwater, Somerset, seaman, concerning load of pease shipped by John Ingrum on the "Mary of Bridgwater" for Ireland, and sale of same by the master, Edward Bond.

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Further deposition by Thomas Capon (now given as of Salisbury) as on page 188. Notes in addition that he and John Woodshell had since been on Parliament service in Ireland.

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1652 September 21. Repetition in different wording of deposition on page 188 by Henry Squerill. Bond given as alias Boone.

1652 September 24. Gyles Gemarho, John Gemarho and John Partanee, merchants and owners of "The Wheel of Fortune of Morbean" in Brittany and Richard Williams of Uphill, Som., sailor, concerning driving of the ship in to the port of Uphill by storm on a voyage from Waterford, Ireland, and its being left in a sound condition.

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Bristoll

Thies may signifie & make knowne to all whome it shall concerne that this presente 24th day of September 1652 William Chapple maryner James Vawer Pilott & John Fisher Carpenter all of the Company of the shipp Mary of Accamacke in Virginia came all personally before mee Joseph Jackson esquire now Mayor of the cittye of Bristoll And did depose and affirme vpon their Corporall oathes voluntarily taken vpon the holy Evangelists of god that being att Virginia att Accamack aforesaid and bound from thence for this Port in the moneth of July last past One John Jones came aboard of their said shipp and intended to come over for this porte Butt afterwards fallinge sicke of a Fever he went a shore and in a shorte tyme after dyed butt before his death hee often tymes told theis deponents that hee had forty hogsheads of Tobacco in the hands of one Robert Braswell a merchant there liveinge in Pagan Creeke on James River in Virginia aforesaid And afterwards the said John Fisher sayeth that he was att the Buriall of the said John Jones there All which etc ;

Joseph Jackson major

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Bristoll

Betwene John Pearce Plaintiff and John Dyblock defendant in the Sheriffs Court.

Patrick Loid of the Cittye of Bristoll marryner aged 28 yeares or thereabouts deposeth & sayeth that he sailed out of this Port of [whereof *struck through*] Bristoll as Boteswaine of the Mary Gold of Bristoll whereof one Thomas Robyns was the master and that hee & others about three moneths scithence went into the said shipp beinge bounde from out of this Porte of Bristoll to [any one porte in *struck through*] Ireland and from thence to the Barbadoes And hee farther deposeth that after they sailed & went from this Porte they were by extremity of weather putt into Corke in Ireland where stayinge some dayes they sailed to Kingesale in Ireland [where *struck through*] and from thence to Castlehaven in Ireland and stayed att eache of theis Portes att some of them a weekes space att least and afterwards they sailed from Castlehaven towards Dingley Couche in Ireland [and stayed att eache of theis *struck through*] also butt before they came into Dingley Couche the said shipp was taken by two French men of warr and this deponent amongest other marryners was putt ashore out of the

said shipp about Dingley couche aforesaid and lastly he saieth that att kingesale aforesaid they landed [at kingesale aforesaid *struck through*] about twenty Barrells of Beare out of the said shipp and knoweth of noe other goods landed or putt on shore att kingesale or any other place Sworne the 25th of September 1652 before mee Joseph Jackson major.

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1652 *September 25. William Combe, Notary Publique, concerning bonds of James Ramage, chirurgeon, and Philip Ellett, Shipwright to Thomas Workman, shoemaker, one to be paid after the return of " The Swallow of Bristol " from Barbadoes and the other after the return of " The Annty of Bristol " from Virginia.*

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Copy of first bond follows.

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Copy of second bond begun but unfinished and page left blank.

⟨Pages 197 and 198.⟩

1652 *October 16. John Hartwell, gentleman and Henry Gibbs, haberdasher concerning bonds of Daniel Clanchy of Limerick, Ireland, merchant, to George Newman, haberdasher, and a further bond from Andrew Arthur of Limerick to George Newman.*

1652 *October 30. Mary Franke alias Yorke, widow of Richard Franke, tanner, concerning sale of house in Newport, Mon., occupied by Hugh Rogers, mercer, to Mrs Elizabeth Williams.*

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1652 *November 13. Francis Coxe, servant to Thomas Prig, woollendraper, concerning debt of Francis Norman of Youghall, Ireland to his master.*

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1652 November 19. Richard Woodward, servant to Richard Deane, merchant, concerning his being in "The Triall" at Lisbon, Portugal, and witnessing with Richard Hudson and William Robson of Bristol, mariners, the signing of a paper by Edward Themilthorpe.

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Bristoll

Before Henry [Gibbs] Esquire now Maior of Bristoll aforesaid the 20th of November 1652

Thomas Wickham of the Citty of Bristoll Carpinter Richard Biggs of the same blacksmith Phillip Streat and James Pope of the same Tylers Thomas Harford Edward Driuer & Thomas Turner of the said Citty Cordwinder, doe all depose and make voluntary oath taken on the holy Evangelists of God, And first the forenamed Thomas Harford Edward Driver Richard Biggs & Thomas Turner for themselues depose & say that about fiue & twenty yeares sence when Mr Christopher Whitson[1] late of the said Citty Alderman deceased did erect and build his house in Christmas streete for keeping his Maioralty he the said Mr Whitson did to these deponents seuerall knowledges raise the entry of the said house soe high as that he hath taken away great parte of a Chamber reputed the Land of Inheritance of Mr Henry Flower contayning in length fowerteene foote & nyne inches, in breadth fiue foot and nyne inches, in[2] heigth twenty inches which appereth alsoe by a view taken of the same Tenement & presented vpon oath to Joseph Jackson Esquire late Maior of the said Citty and some of the Aldermen of the same Citty vnder the hand and seale of the forenamed Thomas Wickham as alsoe vnder the hands and seales of Wm Coxe Tobias Dymocke and Christopher Watts common & sworne viewers of the same Citty bearing date the tenth day of February Anno domini 1651 which said seuerall proporcions of length breadth and heigth is taken out of the said Chamber to enlarge the entrey of the house of him the said Christopher Whitson soe erected & built as aforesaid and the reason of their respective knowledges herein is for that they seuerally knewe the said

[1] For biographical details see Appendix, p. 209.

[2] "in" *inserted above the line.*

Chamber many yeares, before Mr Whitson new built his said house and alsoe very well knew & doe perfectly remember that the floare of the said chamber lay very even & plaine but now vpon view & measure thereof that the said Christopher Whitson hath incrouched on the land of the said Henry Flower & hath disseised sum of the before mencioned proporcions of length breadth & heigth and hath taken the same out of the said Chamber & enlarged the entry of his dwelling house soe erected and built as aforesaid [Acts *struck through*] And further the said Thomas Wickham deposeth & saith that at the said tyme when the ⟨*page 202*⟩ foresaid Mr Christopher Whitson & his workmen were newe building & enlarging the said entry and raising the same in length breadth and heigth into the Chamber of the said Henry Flower as aforesaid he asked of the said workmen whose land the said Chamber was & what they meant to build vp into and take away a parte of a Chamber belonging to another house which said workmen therevnto replied that it was nothing to them for that the said Mr Christopher Whitson had leave of Ursula Horwell widow then tenante in possession of the land of the said Henry Flower soe to doe or vsed words to that or the like effect And likewise ye said Phillip Streete deposeth and saith that hee being a workman to the said Mr Christopher Whitson when he soe erected and built his foresaid house was imployed and hired by him as a plaisterer to lath lyme vp and devide the seuerall proporcions of length breadth and heigth from the before mencioned Chamber to enlarge the entry of the said Mr Christopher Whitson as aforesaid which he did accordingly & was satisfied and paid by the said Mr Whitson for such his labour & worke in and about the doeing thereof And lastly the said James Pope deposeth & saith that at the said tyme when the forenamed Mr Christopher Whitson was by his workmen newe building his house & enlarging his entry in length breadth & heigth as aforesaid he this deponent disliking their proceeding therein demaunded of the aforesaid Ursula Horwell then tenante to the aforenamed Henry Flower why she suffered Mr Whitson & his workmen to cut of the maine beame [build *struck through*] of the before mencioned Chamber & to doe hir Landlord soe much wronge in sufferinge him to take away a great parte thereof who replied vnto this deponent that she gaue Mr Whitson leaue to build vp the same for his necessary occasions during ye tyme of his Maioralty only & likewise told this deponent that the said Mr Whitson was by agreement betweene them after thend of his said Maioralty to lay downe plaine & levill the [all

struck through] said seuerall proporcions of length breadth & heigth taken out of the Land of the said Henry Flower to the foresaid Chamber as formerly it hath bin

Thomas Wickham	Phillip Street
Richard Bigleston	James Pope
Thomas Turner	Tho : Harford
	Edward Dryver

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1652 November 19 and 20. Mayoral certificate after perusal of several bonds as follows : (1) Richard Vickris to John Stone for the use of Sir John Veel charged upon him by Richard Hill of London, merchant. ⟨Page 204⟩ (2) Peter James to Sir John Veal, charged upon him by Thomas Smith and John Hill, Commissioners for prize goods in London.
(3) Jeremiah Holloway to Sir John Veale, charged on him by Mr John Bunbry, London, who received it from Nicholas Loftus.

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1652 November 27. John Mathew, servant to Timothy Parker mercer, concerning debt of Thomas Plaisteed, merchant, to his master.

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1652 December 6. William Chappell, master of "The Mary of Accomarke" in Virginia concerning tobacco loaded there by Hugh Yeo and delivered by him to John Wright of Bristol, merchant.

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1652 December 29. John Hinne, servant to John Sanders, grocer, concerning delivery of goods to Perygryne Legg, of Waterford, Ireland, merchant.

1652 December 29. Edmond Heath, haberdasher, and Thomas Cartwright, yeoman, concerning bond of Peregryne Legg, merchant, deceased, to John Sanders, grocer.

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Copy of bond follows.

⟨Pages 209 and 210.⟩

1652 December 30. John Sanders, grocer and Thomas Cartwright, yeoman, concerning bond of Peregrine Legg, merchant, deceased, to Edmond Heath, haberdasher, witness also John Teague. Copy of bond follows.

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Bristoll

Memorandum That vppon the one and thirtieth day of December in the yeare 1652 George Pitt[1] of the Cittie of Bristoll late master of the good shipp called the Jonathan of Bristoll Phillipp Jones of the said Cittie carpenter and Symon Abbott of the same Cittie marryner came personally before mee Henry Gibbes Mayor of the said Cittie and voluntarilie vpon their oathes taken vppon the Holy Evangelists of God accordinge to the vse and custome within the said Cittie did depose and sweare That Stephen Keech of the said Cittie merchant beinge owner of three partes of the good shipp called the Jonathan of Bristoll aforesaid[2] [and Israell Goughe *struck through*] of the burthen of fiftie fiue tonns or thereabouts And Israel Gough Cooper owner of thother fowerth parte of hir about the beginninge of the moneth of Aprill 1650 shipped theis deponents to goe in the said shipp the Jonathan and to saile from this porte to Fyall beinge in the dominions of the Kinge of Portugall and they all[3] depose and saie that about the middle of the said moneth of Aprill they theis deponents beinge in the said shipp amongst other marriners and seamen and the said George Pitt then beinge Master of the said shipp did sett sayle in this porte of Bristoll in and for the said voiage and about the moneth of June then next followinge arrived in saftie att the said porte of Fyall aforesaid and haveinge there taken in twelue pipes of wyne as parte of hir ladinge The said shipp was staid and

[1] "Pitt" *inserted above the line.*

[2] "aforesaid" *inserted above the line.*

[3] "all" *inserted above the line.*

imbargod by the Kinge of Portugall's order and hir goods taken all away and the men and marryners brought on shore and imprisoned near Fyall aforesaid and after the men and marryners were soe imprisoned all the sailes yards topmasts and rigginge of and belonginge to the said shipp were by the Portugalls taken and caryed on shore and then afterwards about October then next followinge and the said men and mariners were taken out of prison and brought back agayne to the said shipp to looke into hir lyinge in the wild Roade without any saile or Tacklinge and were constrayned to lye board and keepe hir vntill Aprill 1651 About which tyme the said shipp Jonathan was laden with wynes to goe to Lisbon for the kinge of Portugall's vse and diuers of hir men and marriners turned on shore and Portugalls putt aboard hir in their places and afterwards the said shipp sayled from Fyall aforesaid to the Treceasraes[1] were arriveinge the rest of the English Company were ⟨*page 212*⟩ turned on shore whereof the said George Pitt the master together with the rest of theis deponents were three sithence which tyme the said shipp hath bene detayned and kept from the owners they not knowinge what is become of hir All which vpon request as is iust and vsuall and for further The 15th Aprill Stephen Keech made oath[2] that the aforesaid ship with hir [lading *struck through*] tackling was really worth 622 li.

Bristoll Before Henry Gibbs Esquier now Maior of the Cittie of Bristoll the vjth day of January 1652 Betweene Daniell Claxton plaintiff and John Harper defendant in a plea of trespas.[3]

Undated. Thomas Prothero of Carmarthen, husbandman, concerning document signed by Elizabeth Thomas, widow, in his presence and that of William Thomas, Robert Pykes and Ors. For the use of William Baber of Bristol.

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1652 January 11. Richard Orchard, scrivener, concerning bond of Benjamin Read of Barbadoes to William White of Bristol, joiner and Richard King of Oxford, grocer. Other witness Joseph Greenway.

[1] ? This may be Terceira.

[2] "oath" *inserted above the line.*

[3] Incomplete entry.

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1652 January 11. John Dussell, mariner, concerning seizure of tobacco from Elias Parkman on "The Rainbow of Bristol" by Thomas Gill a Customs House waiter.

1652 January 20. Thomas Bishop, brewer, concerning Newfoundland train oil delivered by him to Henry Reeve of Shrewsbury, trowman after receipt from him of money from his brother Robert Bishop of Shrewsbury.

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Bristoll

These may signifie and make knowne to all to whom it shall concerne that this present vth day of February 1652 Judith Newarke wife of John Newarke of the Citty of Bristoll came personally before me Henry Gibbs Esquire Maior of the said Citty and did depose and affirme vpon his corporall oath voluntarily taken the Holy Evangelists of God That about a yeare and a halfe since past and vpwards a certain Dutch ship whereof one Hubert Hendrickson was Commander was by contrary winds and for want of provision droven vp into Pennarth Roade in this Channell And therevpon one of the Company of the said ship came vp with a boate to the Citty for provision and came to this deponent and then she and the said Dutchman went to Mr John Wyatt of this Cittie merchant (then an agent here in this port for the West India company of Holland and there the said Dutchman spake to the said Mr Wyatt for provisions and monies for the said Ships vse and the said Mr Wyatt then desired this deponent to goe and buy provisions for the said ship and [the *struck through*] said that he would pay for it And therevpon she went with the said Dutchman to assist him in gettinge the said provisions And amongest all the rest she went to Mr Richard Nethway of this Citty of Bristoll and gaue him order from Mr Wyatt to deliuer to the said Dutchman all such beare as he should come for and that the said Mr Wyatt would pay for it All which vpon request etc

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Henry Gibbs Maior

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1652 February 18. Peter Beckett concerning goods in Mallaga, Spain.

Opening sentence of a deposition by Henry Worgan, cooper, unfinished, and struck through, and rest of page left blank.

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1652 February 15. George Pitts, mariner, master of " The Concord of Bristoll " concerning charter party between Richard Skiner and Mathew Stephens, owners. Corroborative statement by Walter Sharland, master's mate.

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Theis may certifie and make knowne to all to whom it shall concerne That on the day of the date hereof John England Masters mate of the shipp Charles of Bristoll wherof George Webb was master in the moneth of December 1651 William Nethinge, Dirnisy Scotte, Thomas Diricke all of the Company of the [shi *struck through*] said shipp Charles the same time came personally before me Henry Gibbs Esquier now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll and did all depose and make voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God, That in the aforesaid moneth of December their ship ridinge at [Anchor *struck through*] Ankor in Kingroad there came into the said Porte the shipp Bull of Bristoll and brought in with her as Prize a dutch shipp called the Elizabeth of Flushinge in Zeland and therevpon the said George Webb went aboard of the said shipp Bull and in short time after the said England went aboard.

The said John England for himselfe further saith : That he beinge aboard the said shipp Bull as aforesaid he there desired the master of the shipp Charles to suffer him to goe aboard of the said Dutch shipp to bestow some moneys in comodities if he could (and for noe other end whatsouer) and this deponent goinge aboard of the said shipp he there found a great company of the seamen belonginge to the Bull and the skife or boate belonging to the shipp Charles and many of the Company aboard and there this deponent with fower more of his Company (att the request of Peter Wraxall Master of the shipp bull aforesaid and Commander in Chiefe of the same shipp) remained that night in the Dutch shipp And the day followinge there came aboard Major Henry Laffard one of the merchants of the said shipp ⟨*page 219*⟩ Bull and brought with him twenty or thirty men belonging to the ships Bull and Charles and desired them to take the shoules from the yards of the Dutch shipp and to help bringe the said[1] ship into Hungroade which they did and haue received content for their peynes accordinge to the said Mr Laffards premise :

[1] " said " *inserted above the line.*

Corroborative statements by William Nethinge, Dirnisey Scott and Thomas Dirricke follow.

⟨Pages 220 and 221.⟩

1652 March 7. Francis Coxe, servant to Thomas Prigg, woolen-draper, concerning debt of Francis Norman of Youghall, Ireland to his master.
Samuel Harris, servant to Henry Roe, ironmonger, concerning debt of Francis Norman to his master.
Arnold Collins, servant to William Cooke, grocer, concerning debt of Francis Norman to his master.
Richard Roberts, servant to George Atwood, mercer, concerning debt of Francis Norman to his master.
John Wither, servant to Roger Richards, soapboiler, concerning debt of Francis Norman to his master.
John Jackson, merchant, concerning debt to himself of Francis Norman.

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1652 March 16. Robert Calvert, Antony Facie, and Thomas Jefferies all of "The Reserve" (Commander, Captain Robert Clarke) concerning truth of annexed writings.

1652 March 20. Peter Morineau, master of "The Peter of Delone" (France) interpreted by Robert Gunn, merchant, concerning the driving of the vessel into Bristol by bad weather, when on her way to Rouen from Lisbon.

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Bristoll

Theis may signifie and make knowne to all whome itt shall concerne that this instant fower & twentith day of March 1652 John Vauer of the Citty of Bristoll mercer Samuell Jones of Little Salesbury in the County of Monmoth gent and Em Dawson wife of Henry Dawson of the same Cittye shoemaker Came all personally before mee Henry Gibbs esquire now Mayor of the Cittie Bristoll And did depose and affirme vppon their Corporall oathes taken on the holy Evangists of god And first the said John Vauer for him selfe sayeth that in the yeare 1642 hee had a list of the names of seuerall persons that lent seuerall summes of money for the

providinge of horses & Armes for the furnishinge of a troope vnder the Comande of Captaine Henry Vaughan in the Regiment of Collonell Nathaniell Fynes then Gouernor of the said Cittie of Bristoll for the Parlyament ; and by the same list hee founde that one Mary Leeke then of the said Citty of Bristoll did Advance & lend for the service for the service[1] aforesaid the summe of ten pounds which this deponent the better knoweth itt to be true for that (on the said Captaine Vaughans[2] request hee did then receive parte of moneyes lent for the vse aforesaid

The aforesaid Samuell Jones for himselfe maketh oathe hee beinge one of the said Captain Vaughans troope doth know that the said Mary Leeke did advance and lend the said summe of ten pounds for the service of the state as aforesaid And the said summe was Imployed in buyinge of a horse & Armes in the said Troope

The aforesaid Em dawson for hirselfe made oth that the said Mary Leeke did afterwards in the yeare 1643 advance and lend the summe of xli in money more for the buying of horse and armes and armes[3] towards the raising of a troope vnder the comand of Captain John Bennett for the service of the state All which etc

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John Vauer made oath likewise that Mrs Sarah Kitchen did lend the summe of vli xviijs for furnishing a troope vnder Henry Vaughans comand in the yeare 1643

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1643 March 29. Valentine Rogers, lately apprentice to Mr Richard Stephens, mercer, concerning debts due to his master.

1652 April 2.

Incomplete statement concerning action between Abraham Williams, plaintiff and John Binney, defendant, for slander.

⟨Pages 224 and 225.⟩

1653 April 16. William Hollister, feltmaker, concerning inability through illness of Edward Smyth of Knowle to appear at Somerset County Sessions.

[1] " for the service " *repeated.*

[2] " Vaughans " *written after* " vaugh " *struck through.*

[3] " and armes " *repeated.*

1653 April 30. William Clutterbuck, son of Josias Clutterbuck, grocer, concerning debt of William Fowler of Gloucester, mercer, to his father. Witnesses John Parlement and John Fowler.

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Citty of Bristoll

Memorandum that vppon the xvijth day of May in the yeare of our Lord god 1653 John Isaack of Exon in the County of Somerset marchant Came personally before me Henry Gibbs Mayor of the said Citty and voluntarily vpon his Corporall oath taken on the holy Evangelists of god accordinge to the vse and custome of the said Citty did depose and sweare that on or about the moneth of December in the yeare 1651 hee was then resident in the Iland of Mountseratt att which tyme there was arriued the shipp called the Ann of Bristoll and in hir one John Inse whoe was[1] then merchant of hir And after that hee the said John Ince had putt of the servants and some goods out of the said ship for Tobaccoes and afterwards when he the said Ince should haue received the said Tobaccoes for the said Servants & goods soe putt of as aforesaid the said Ince was constrayned to receiue Sugar in liew of a greate parte of the said Tobaccoes contracted for as aforesaid By reason of a greate Mortallity which was in the said Iland at which tyme tobacco was very scarce and nott to bee had in regard that att that tyme there were three other ships which came into the said Porte or Iland of Mountserat before the said shipp Ann and wayted alsoe for Tobaccoe and this deponent farther maketh oath that after the settinge sayle of the said shipp Ann from Mountseratt aforesaid homewards bound he heard the Gouernor of the said Iland one Collonell Roger Osborne say that the said Inse had bought a ffrigott att the Iland of Barbadoes ⟨*page 227*⟩ And that parte of the same ffrygott was for his accompt and in shorte tyme After the said Inse came with the ffrigott to mounserrat aforesaid and there receiued of the Governor and others seuerall parcells of Sugar which hee loded aboard of the said ffrygott and thence this deponent with the said Inse sayled to Antego where this deponent and the said Inse mett with one Captayne Swift Comander of a shipp in London who proffered the said Inse a fraight for England for the said frigott and sayed that he would dispatch the same

[1] " was " *written after* " wha " *struck through.*

frigott away very suddaynely butt the said Inse refused the same tellinge him (in this deponents hearinge) that hee had goods to receive att Mountserratt and sayleinge to the said Iland of Mountseratt agayne and takeinge in goods there daylye in the night tyme Prince Rupert came into the said Roade and seized on the said ffrigott and caryed hir and all the goods aboard hir away butt whether hee knoweth nott, onely heard scinse the said ffrigott is in France All which vppon request as is just and vsuall and for farther manifestacion of a trueth herein I the aforesaid Mayor haue thought good to certifye vnder my hand

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1653 May 20. Abraham Sanders, soapboiler, concerning bill of John Pitts to John Sanders, witnessed by this deponent and John Hind, servant to John Sanders. Copy of bill follows.

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Bristoll: SS These may signifie etc that this 3d day of May 1653 the persons herevndernamed came personally before me Henry Gibbs Esqr. now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll and did all depose and make oath taken on the holy Evangelists of God that they received the seuerall summes of money for the wares and worke hereafter mencioned of Christopher Olliuer and William Cole merchants of the Samuell for the said ships vse in January 1651

	li	s	d
Thomas Weare Ropemaker for Roapes and other cordage	93	0	0
Robert Bodman saylmaker for sayles . . .	18	0	0
James Willis brewer for beare	08	13	0
James North brewer beare	10	0	0
John Bumsted smyth for Ironworke . . .	26	0	0
Thomas Duning blockmaker for blocks etc . .	08	0	0
Jonas Neason cooper for Casks etc . . .	15	0	0
George Boswell linen draper for saylecloth etc .	30	3	6

All which vpon request I the aforesaid Maior haue thought good to Certifie vnder my hand and seale of office the day and yeare abouesaid

Bristoll Thomas Gold of Bristoll merchant maketh oath whereas hee ensured on the ship Thomas and George of Bristoll from Lisbon to this Port 130 li vpon sugar and Oyle Now the said deponent saith that he had laded only on the said ship two chests of sugar

and fower hogsheads of Oyle aboard of the same ship Thomas and George and noe more which is worth but 90 li sterling dated the 21th day of May 1653 Dier

Thomas Golds

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To all Christian People to whome this presente writinge shall come Edward Abbott of the Citty of Bristoll Tobacco pipemakere this presente xviijth day of May 1653 Came personally before mee Henry Gibbs esquire now Mayor of the said Citty and did depose and sweare vppon his corporall oath taken vppon the wholy evangelists of god that on or about the xviijth day of March in the yeare 1641 hee this deponent was then liueinge in the Citty of waterford in Ireland att which tyme the Irish Rebbelles did banish and turne out of the said Citty of waterford the most parte of the English Inhabitants there saueinge some few englishe tradesmen which the Irish constraned to liue there with them in respect they had hardly any of their owne Nation there which could vse or exercise these trades and occupacions which the English then did and amongest the rest this deponent was one which was to abide and liue there and exercise his trade and callinge and one Elizabeth Gayney then the widow of Peter Gayney and sister in law to this deponent was one with the rest of those[1] Englishe which were to be turned out and banished as aforesaid and that att the tyme of hir goeinge away she the said Elizabeth Gayney deliuered vnto this deponent the key of hir dwellinge howse and wished him to take out those goods which were in the said howse and belonged vnto hir and to kepe them for hir vse Some parte of which goods then remayneinge in the said howse and belonginge to the said Elizabeth as this deponent well remembreth were such as are hereafter mencioned (that is to saie) one Carved standinge bedstead one standinge Presse one greate waynescotte chest, one Cubbord one Iron Furnest, three Tallow knifes, two vates one Choppin board to pound tallow vppon sixtene dozen of Candle rods halfe a Hogshead of vynigar two Neests of Boxes and seuerall other goods belonginge to the said Elizabeth Gayney which were left in the said howse and which this deponent cannott now well remember butt knoweth that the said howse was att that tyme left in good repair[2] and tenanteable

[1] Indecipherable word struck through.

[2] "and tenanteable" *inserted above the line.*

and that one Garrard Lingrall the Landlord thereof was some few dayes before in the said ⟨*page 231*⟩ howse with this deponent and the said Elizabeth to veiew the said howse whether itt was itt good repaire or nott and haueinge viewed the same told the said Elizabeth that shee had done very honestly in repayringe of the said house and that hee could finde noe fault therewith And this deponent farther sayeth that on or about the xxiijth day of March aforesaid when he received of the said Elizabeth Gayney the key of the said house and was goeinge for to take out the said goods belonginge vnto hir as aforesaid and haueinge the key in his hand mett with the said Garrard Lincoll whoe asked him this deponent where hee was goeinge and this deponent made answere that hee was goeinge to take out those goods which weere in the said howse and belonged to the said Elizabeth therevpon hee the said Garrard asked this deponent for the key which hee refused to deliuer and then the said Garrard Lincoll did by force take the said key from him this deponent and told him that the said howse was his the said Garrard Lincoll and that the goods therein was as good for him as another All which etc

⟨*Pages 231 and 232.*⟩

1653 June 29. George Hartwell, Notary Publique and Giles Earle, gentleman, concerning bond of Dominick Meads, James Mead and Patrick Roach, merchants of Kinsale, Ireland, to Roger Kelly of Bristol, grocer. Witnessed by the deponents and Toby Brookinge. Copy of bond follows.

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Bristoll Theis may signifie and make knowne to all whome itt shall concerne That this instant twentith day of July 1653 John Plym of the Cittye of Bristoll marriner Came personally before mee Henry Gibbs esquire now Mayor of the Cittye of Bristoll and did depose and make voluntary oath taken on the holy Evangelists of God ; That he being master of the ship Saint John of Bristoll of the burthen of one hundred and thirtie tons or thereabouts in hir last voyage from the Port of Cadize in Spayne to this Port of Bristoll in the moneth of Aprill or May last past the said ship being on hir voyage homwards bound towards this Port was on the third day of the said moneth of May last after three howers fight taken by a zealand man of warr and brought into Zealand and there made Prize of And further this deponent maketh oath that he

doth knowe that there was aboard of the said ship at the tyme of hir being taken seaven pipes of oyle and other goods for the proper accompt of Mr. Peter Beckett of Bristoll merchant All which etc

Dier

before Henry Gibbs Mayor the 30th day of July 1653 Betwene Thomas Southane plaintiff Nicholas Kidnor defendant[1]

Edward Thomas of Cardiff in the County of Glamorgan laborer deposeth and maketh voluntary oath taken on the holy evangilists of god that in or about the moneth of January last past the plaintiff and defendent haueinge discourse togeather touchinge a Caske of wyne pretended to bee brought by the defendant in his Barque from the Cittie of Bristoll to Cardiff for the plaintiff which Caske of wyne being then in the howse of one William Jones an Appothicary the plaintiff went to the said Jones his howse and saw the Caske of Wyne Wherevppon the plaintiff then ordered this deponent to fetch the wyne from the said Jones howse and carryed itt aboard the said Barque to bee brought back to Bristoll and the plaintiff promised this deponent satisfaccion for his labour And father cannot depose

Henry Gibbs the marke of

Edward E Thomas

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1653 August 2. Bernard Leadman of Bridgwater Som., ironmonger concerning bills of Thomas Leadman, witnessed by deponent and Hugh Leverton.

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1653 August 2. Francis Yeamans concerning Bond of Patrick Creagh to Thomas Leadman.

John Hartwell and Thomas Yeamens concerning bond of Francis Miles to Thomas Leadman.

William Gibbons, ironmonger, concerning bond of Thomas Turner to Richard Foly of Stroubridge.

Deposition not completed.

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Before Miles Jackson one of the Aldermen of the Cittie of Bristoll the 12th day of August 1653

Francis Gifford servant to Thomas Dyamond Comander of the Diamond Frigott and James Prynn of the cittie of Bristoll gent did both depose and make voluntary oath taken on the holy Evangelists of god And the said Francis first for himselfe maketh oath that after the taking of the Offering of Abraham of Rotterdam this deponent was put aboard of the said shipp and amongest the rest of the goods this deponent doth know that there was sixe drie fats of loafe sugar and noe more to this deponents knowledge and further this deponent saith that there was not any of the said drie fatts barrells hogsheads chests or any other of the said ships lading saving five loafes of Sugar taken from aboard of the said ship by the said Captain Diamond or his order in Swansy or elswhere And lastly this deponent maketh oath that about two moneth scince one Olliver Williams parte owner of the aforesaid Friggott being in Company with this deponent did offer this deponent five pounds in money if hee could sware that the aforesaid Captaine had taken out any goods from aboard of the aforesaid prize Moreover this ⟨*deposition unfinished and rest of page left blank*⟩

⟨*Page 237.*⟩

1653 August 22. Richard Cause and Philip Cause, tanners, concerning a bond, between Nicholas Cause and Patrick White, of Clymel in Ireland, which was hidden underground during the Siege of Bristol, and rotted.

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1653 August 31. Thomas Jarvis of Portbury, mariner, concerning the death of Richard Wasborow, on the ship Provident.

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These may signifie and make knowne to all whom it shall concerne That this instant thirtith day of August 1653 Christopher Birkend Master of the ship Samuell Pinke of Bristoll where of Samuell Clarke Robert Bagnell and Robert Lewellin were Marchaunts & laders in hir last voyage from this Porte of Bristoll to the Carebo Ilands came personally before mee Henry Gibbs Esquier now Maior of the cittie of Bristoll & did depose & make voluntrary oath taken on ye holy Evangelists of God That on the seaventeenth day

of the moneth of May last past the said ship set sayle on the said voyage out of this Porte of Bristoll & vpon the nynteenth day of the same moneth the said shipp being on her voyage about tenn leagues the ye westward of Lundy the wind being then att east this Deponent espied to ye Northward a ship making vp towards him but the said ship Samuell Pinke not beinge of force to resist as he conceaved made his flight frome the said ship & about two the clocke in ye afternoone ye said man of War overtooke the ship Samuell & comanded this Deponent to come aboard which he did not being able to resist & there upon they reffled the said ship Samuell & tooke this Deponent & fower more of his company aboarde of the said Man of Warr & put some of the man of wars company aboard of the same ship Samuell Pinke and carried hir for Brest in Britany & this Deponent demanding of the Captaine of the ship what the said ships name was & from whence hee had his Comission the said Captaine answered him that the ships name was the Mary of Bristoll aforesaid & his name Micholas French somtyme of Waxford in Ireland and that hee had his Comission from the Duke of Yorke but shewed this deponent none And this Deponent farther maketh oath that on the three & twentith day of May aforesaid this Deponent with ye other fower of his company were brought in the said shipp Marie to Bristoll aforesaid & there they were Detaynyned till the five & twentieth day of the same moneth & there the said ship Samuell Pinke & goods were made prize of & the company cleared & left to get passuages for theire owne countrey And lastly this Deponent maketh oath that ye said ship with hir furniture, tackle & other things necessarie was att the tyme of hir taking really worth the summe of one hundred & fifty pounds in money & that the goods aboard of the same shipe was also worth the summe of seaventi & [1]fiue pounds in money more.

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1653 September 1. Joseph Taylor, merchant, concerning a deed made between Katherine Lattimore and George Taylor of Gloucester, chirurgeon, of which he was a witness.

1653 September 9. William Charles, shipwright, of "The Loves Increase" (Master Wm. Turkey) concerning six hogsheads and a butt of Barbadoes sugar to be divided between John Comminges, John Lury and the deponent.

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Betweene Christopher Bramsby & Frances his wife plaintiffs and Edmund Yeamans defendant in the Sheriff's Cort. Before Henry Gibbs Esqre Maior of Bristoll the 19th day of September 1653.

Edward Everard of the Citty of Bristoll Carpinter aged[1] yeares or thereabouts deposeth and maketh voluntary oath taken on the holy Evangelists of God that he being one of the company of the ship May Flower of Bristoll in hir last voyage from this Port to[2] Kingsaile in Ireland and thence to Stt. Sabastians in Biskie in the moneth of May last past doe know the defendant Edmund Yeamans did at Kingsaile aforesaid set out to some of the same ships company at Bottomare the sume of eighteene pounds after the rate of sixe shillings in the pound to be paid att the retorne of the same ship from St. Sabastians aforesaid And this deponent further maketh oath that 11 li. 19s 6d parte of the said summe of 18 li was for the accompt of one Frances Seed spinster now wife of the plaintiff as the proceeds of a parcell of breed sent in the said ship by the said defendant Edmond And lastly this deponent maketh oath that the said ship in hir voyage homwards bound from Stt. Sabastian's aforesaid to this Port was surprized & taken by a man of warr of Flushing in Zealand and by them carried away and made prize.

Edward Everard

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Theis may signifie etc That this presente xiiijth day of September in the yeare of our Lord god 1653. Erasmus Jeffrey of St. Ives in Cornewell aged twenty and two yeares or thereabouts came personallye before mee Henry Gibbs Esquier now Maior of the Cittye of Bristoll and did depose and make voluntarye oath taken vppon the holy Evangelists of god That hee this deponent (beinge one of the Companye of the Barque called the Guift of St. Ives aforesaid whereof one William Purchase was then master) did vppon the xiijth day of March last past 1652 with the rest of the Company of the said Barque beinge then bounde with Corne from St. Ives aforesaid vnto Kingesaile in Ireland sett saile from St. Ives towards Kingesaile aforesaid and by reason of a greate storme and tempast att sea were forced to saile vpp towards Londye and there mett with a French man of warr whoe came aboard of the said

[1] Blank left in text.

[2] " this port to " *inserted above the line.*

Barque Gift and made a prize of hir and after the said Barque was taken the said French man of Warr forced hir to ride vpp farther into Londye Roade where they remayned att Anker all that night and the next morninge beinge the xxvth day of March aforesaid they wayed Anker and carryed the said Barque Gift westward where the said French Man of Warr and the said Barque Gift mett with another Barque called the Pleasure of Chanksbury sayleinge out of Milford and the said French man of War alsoe boarded the said Barque Pleasure and made a Prize of hir likewise she havinge aboard of hir a smale quantitie of hides Butt the master and company of the said Barque Pleasure perceiveinge that the said French man of Warr came to take hir & make a prize of hir did for sake the said Barque Pleasure & went away with a boate to save themselves and their money which they had putt aboard the said boate And this deponent farther maketh oath that after the said Barque Pleasure was taken and made prize of as aforesaid he this deponent was putt aboard of the said Barque Pleasure and was carryed to Penpole in Prittenye All which etc.

Henry Gibbs

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In the tyme of Maioraltie of George Hellier begining att the Feast of Stt Michaell 1653 Before George Hellier Esquier now maior of the Citty of Bristoll the 24th of October 1653.

John Stoakes Mariner master of the ship Vnicorne of Bristoll in hir last voyage from this Port of Bristoll to Barbadoes in the moneth of September 1652 and George Phillips servant to Mr. William Dale of the Citty of Bristoll merchant and merchant of the same ship that voyage doe both depose & make voluntary oath taken on the holy Evangelists of God that there was ten tons of beare laden aboard of the said ship for the said ships use that voyage by Mr William Dale which beare was bought sixe tons thereof of Mr. Joseph Yeamans brewer and thother fower tons of Mr. George Bishop brewer and further these deponents make oath that when the said ship came as far as Milford which was about 4 daies after hir setting saile out of this Port the said sixe tons of beare bought of the said Mr. Yeamans proved defective in so much that they could not make use of any more then one Tonn of it & thother five tons of beare did soe stinke that it was not fit for men to drinke but was all threw away.

John Stoakes
George Phillips

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These may signifie & make to all whom it shall concerne that this instant 24th of October 1653 Richard Hamonds of Bristoll Mariner & lately quartermaster in the [ship *struck through*] frigott called the Convertine belonging to the States and William Warden mariner & quarter gunner of the same frigott came both personally before me George Hellier Esqier now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll and did depose & make voluntary oath taken on the Holy Evangelists of God that they doe know that one William Jones in the moneth of July 1651 was by order of Colonel Popham then generall in the Downes impressed & taken from aboard of the said Frigott Convertine where he had served fower monethes to serve aboard of the frigott Bonadventure where he continued in the States service till the said ship Bonadventure was blowed up with powder & there perished which was in all 20 moneths or upwards All which vpon Request as is iust and vsuall I the aforesaid Maior have thought good to [signifie *struck through*] certifie vnder my hand and seale of office the day and yeare above said

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Geo Hillier Maior

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These may signifie & make knowne to all whom it shall concerne that this instant 28th day of October 1653 James Phelps masters mate of the ship Abraham of Bristoll in hir last voyage from Barbadoes towards this Port came personally before mee George Hellier Esqr now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll & did depose & make voluntary oath taken on the holy Evangelists of God That he doth known that one Thomas Wright servant to John Wright of Bristoll merchant did lade aboard of the said ship Abraham att Barbadoes aforesaid in the moneth of May last past fower buts and fower hogsheads of sugar and one chest marked as in the margent for the accompt of the said John Wright And [the said *struck through*] further this deponent maketh oath that the said ship being on hir voyage homward bound was set vpon by fower dutch men of warr & [surpriz *struck through*] on the 17th of July last was surprized and taken and carried to the Texell in Holland where they made prize of the said ship & goods All which etc.

Aldworth
Geo. Hellier Maior

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Memorandum that whereas Robert Cock and John Stone became bound by obligacion bearing date the 20th day of May 1653 in the penalty of CC li with condicion that if the said Robert and John should within 12 monthes next ensueing the date of the same recited obligacion produce tender and deliver or cause to be delivered[1] att the house of James Phelps grocer scittuate in Wyne street in Bristoll one bill of sale of the ship Hare of Midleborough in Zeland with hir tackle & furniture (which was lately taken and surprized by the Hunter Frigott belonging to the Iland of Silly) together with a bond for 300 li to performe the said bill of sale vnder the hands and seales of Joseph Hunkyn Richard Varman Richard Hunkyn & William Apletree all owners of the same ship Hunter Frigott.

Now these presents witnes that [whereas *struck through*] on the day of the date hereof John Teague of the Citty of Bristol Inholder and James Phelps of the same Citty Grocer came both personally ⟨*page 246*⟩ before me George Hellier Esqr now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll and did depose and make voluntary oath taken on the holy Evangelists of God that they were present on yesterday last att the house of the said James Phelps scittuate in Wine streete in Bristoll aforesaid & did see one Roberte Sheire tender and deliver att the said James Phelps house a bill of sale of the aforesaid ship Hare & tackle & a bond of three hundred pounds to performe the same both under the hands and seales of them the said Joseph Hunkyn Richard Varman Richard Hunkyn & William Apletree which witnesses also to the signing sealinge & delivering of the said bill of sale and bond as thereby more plainly appereth All which vppon request etc. the 28th October 1653.

Aldworth

Geo. [Standfast *struck through*]
Hellier Maior

Bristoll

Before Geo. Hellier Esqr Maior the 28th of October 1653

Betweene Thomas Kempe plaintiff } in a plea of trespas
Morris Smyth defendant } and assault

Richard Standfast of the Citty of Bristoll Apothecary aged 20 yeares and vpwards deposeth and maketh voluntary oath taken on the holy Evangelists of God that on easter monday last being

[1] "or caused to be delivered" *inserted above the line.*

the eleaventh day of Aprill last past this deponent being in company with the plaintiff Thomas Kempe & others drinking att a house called the Bell in the Marsh in the parish of Almondisbury and County of [Somerset *struck through*] Gloucester and there being in the same house at that tyme one Morris Smyth the now defendant with others in company with him this deponent [did see *struck through*] and the said Kempe goeing to their homes from the said house & being gone but a little way from the said Morris Smyth with others of his company followed this deponent & the said plaintiff Kempe & the said Morris Smyth with a great cane in his hand did beat the said Kempe to the ground and after he was in the ground alsoe in so much that they broake his leg to peeces & soe he the said Smyth with his companions left the said Kempe on the ground languish and pursued after this deponent.

Aldworth
Richard Standfast

Geo. Hellier Maior

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These may signifie & make knowne to all Whom it shall concerne That this instant 31th day of October 1653 Peter Morineau master of the ship Peter of Delone in France & John Jackson of the Citty of Bristoll merchant came personally before me George Hellier Esqr now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll aforesaid and did depose and make voluntary oath taken on the holy Evangelists of God And first the said Peter Morineau for himselfe saith by the interpretacion of Peter Beckett of Bristoll marchant sworne alsoe to that purpose, That the said ship in the moneth of March last past being bound from Lisbon to Portugall to Roane in France was by contrary winds & fowle weather droven unto [Roane in France of *struck through*] this Port of Bristoll & here the said ship remained till they had received Orders from their Proprietors which was that the said master should not set saile vntill they had procured a passe to sayle with the said ship without lett or trouble into France aforesaid, And during all the tyme of the ships lieing here in this Port did not himselfe or Company or any others for him directly or indirectly sell or offer to [sayle *struck through*] sale any of the said ships loding of Sugar to any person or persons whatsoever, Saving the Two Chests of Sugar which this deponent sold for the buying of provisions for the said ships Company by the

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leaue & permission of Mr Thomas Shewell Collector in cheife of the Customes in this Porte who receaued the dutyes for the said two Chests of Sugar

Peter Morineau

And the said John Jackson for himselfe saith that he doth know yt the said Peter had order from his Proprietors not to set sayle with the said ship vntill he had procured the aforesaid Passe And this he this deponent knoweth to be true for that he was Written vnto by the said Proprietors to assist the said master in procuring the same and other his buisnes here by reason the said master could not speake English nor had power to sell or dispose of any of the said ships goods here without the assistance & consent[1] of this deponent, And the deponent did neuer assent or was there any of the said ships lading of goods saue only the said two chests of Sugar sold by leaue & permission as aforesaid to this deponents knowledge All which & under the seale etc.

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The aforesaid Peter Beckett for himselfe maketh oath That he hath truly interpreted the deposition of the aforesaid Peter Morineau according as is before set downe & declared

Per Beckett

George Hellier Maior

A deposition concerning Richard Wasborow who died on the "Little President" at Kinsale in Ireland, the name of the deponent not given.

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1653 November 2. James Croft, merchant, concerning the payment of certain costs for the equipping of "The George of London" for Mathew Holworthy.

1653 November 3. William Merick, merchant, concerning the insurance of "The Abraham of Bristol" which was taken as prize by the Dutch.

[1] " & consent " *inserted above the line.*

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1653 November 2. Peter Wraxall, master of "The Sarah of Bristol" and Bartholomew Gilford, masters' mate, concerning her capture by men of war of Zealand.

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1653 November 5. Edward Ley, concerning a bond between Thomas Hereford and Thomas Hobson. Copy of bond included.

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These may signifie and make knowne That this instant [*blank*] day of November 1653 John Scott of the Citty of Bristoll Mariner & Master of the ship Abraham in her last voyage from Barbadoes towards this Port and John House one of the Company of the same ship the said voyage came personally before me George Hellier Esqre nowe Maior of the Citty of Bristoll and did both depose and make voluntary oath taken on the holy Evangelists of God That in the mounth of June last past the said ship Abraham was att the Island of the Barbadoes riding at a[1] place called the Hole & att the same tyme there was a ship of London whereof one Greenleife was Comannder riding in Carlyle bay a place so called in the said Iland and the said ship Abraham being almost loden and ready to set sayle the said Scott on the 17th day of the said moneth went aboard of the said London ship whereof the said Greenleife was Comannder as aforesaid and desired the said Greenleife to stay two or three daies for the company of ye said ship Abraham but the said Greenleife told the said deponent Scott that he would not stay saying the ship Boare was a good ship and was setting sayle and he would follow hir And on the next day being the 18th day of the same moneth of June the said Greenleife set sayle with his said ship; and there these deponents remained with the said ship Abraham till the 23th day of the same moneth of June att which tyme they set sayle with the same ship, which was five daies after the setting sayle of the said London ship as aforesaid All which vpon request etc vnder the seale etc.

Aldworth
Geo : Hellier Maior

[1] "the" *struck through and* "a" *written above it.*

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These may signifie etc that this instant 16th day of November 1653 Edward Dyer of Dover merchant aged 28 yeares or thereabouts came personally before me George Hellier Esqr now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll and did depose and make voluntary oath taken on the holy Evangelists of God That in the year 1648 hee sayled out of this Port and bound for Marcellia in Province in the shippe Thomas and George of Bristoll whereof Walter Vellicott was master & John Scott was merchant, And doth knowe that there was laden aboard the same shippe heere in this Port as by the Remembrance signed by Mr Henry Gough for his and Mr Thomas Robins accompt (that is to say) one hundred & Nyne Rolles of tobacco marked as in the margent Nyne hogsheads of tobacco marked with the same marke

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H:G:

Sixty and seaven rolls of tobacco marked as in the margent of which one hundred & Nyne Rolls of the first marke was found att the Landinge of the same in Marcellia and weighed and sold But one hundred and eight rolls and of the Nyne hogsheads weere found sound & good[1] but twoe in all contayninge Eight thousand sixty and one pounds Marcellia weight, which was sold by the said Scott to one Monsieur John Consolin att the rate of Tenne livers turnois[2] per Kintall in Trucke for sope of eighteene livers per Kintall And this deponent doth knowe that there was abated twoe Livers per Kintall for rotten tobacco, and all perished: And the aforesaid sixty and seaven rolls marked with H G were all found and sold by the said John Scott to the said Monsieur John Consolin att the rate aforesaid contayninge 4569 pounds marcellia weight as aforesaid. And further this deponent maketh oathe that the other seaven hogsheads of the first marke: 4 : weere soe rotten and ill condicioned that the same was sold with all the rest of the refuge tobacco in the same shippe but for one hundred and Tenne livers Turnois; All which tobacco was waighed by this deponent and entred into the Journall booke of the said John Scott & adiusted and evened with one Mr Martyn servant to the said Monsieur John Consoline, And lastly this deponent maketh oathe that hee did coppy out severall letters written by the said John Scott to the said Mr. Henry Gough and Company from Marcellia aforesaid wherein he did advise and Certify them of the sale and

[1] " & good " *inserted above the line.*

[2] A Livre of Tours was worth 20 sous.

disposall of the said tobacco, as by the coppy booke of lettres of the said John Scott may, appeare: In testimony etc with the seale etc

Aldworth
Geo Hellier: Maior

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1653 November 26. John Peterson, Merchant, concerning insurance of merchandise on the "Sarah of Bristol".

These may signifie & make knowne etc That this instant 30th day of November 1653 Thomas Northerne Masters mate Thomas Watkins Chirurgeon Thomas White[1] carpinter William Pynner quartermaster & Thomas Tomlinson all of the company of the ship Wild boare of Bristoll whereof John Birks was master in hir voyage from this Port to the Iland of the Barbadoes in the moneth of December 1651 came all personally before me George Hellier Esqr now Maior of this Citty & did depose and make voluntary oath taken on the holy Evangelists of God, That as the said ship was at an ankor att the Iland of the Barbadoes aforesaid there came towards the said Iland a dutch vessell with hir coulers abroad & before the said vessell came to an ankor the company of the ship Wildboare with their boates in the moneth of May 1652 tooke and surprized the said dutch ship which was called the Fortune of the burthen of 60 tons or thereabouts & loaden for the most parte with fish called Manatee[2] & other goods & brought the same *⟨page 255⟩* ship to an ankor in Spikes bay[3] there in Barbadoes and afterwards in the moneth of June 1652 the said John Birks sold the said duch[4] vessell and hir loading to some of the Inhabitants of the said Iland: All which vpon request I have thought good to certifie vnder my hand with the seale of my office of Maioralty in such cases vsed the day & yeare above said

Aldworth.

Bristoll SS

These may signifie and make knowne etc That this instant xxxth day of November 1653 Thomas Ricrofte of the Citty of Bristoll Grocer came personally before George Hellier Esqr now Maior of

[1] "Watkins" *struck through,* "White" *written above it.*

[2] Manatee or Sea-Cow, found in tropical Atlantic waters and caught for its oil, skin and flesh. The origin of many legends of mermaids.

[3] "bay" *inserted above the line.*

[4] "duch" *inserted above the line.*

the said Citty & did depose etc That on the Twelveth day of this instant month hee did att request [d *struck through*] view a certaine parcell of Bees waxe which was brought into this Port in a dutch vessell which was taken by the dyamond Frygott (as this deponent was informed) and sold by one Dyamond one of the Owners of the said Frigott to Alderman Joseph Jackson of this Citty Marchant, And havinge dilligently searched viewed and taken notice of the same waxe did finde one quarter part parte[1] thereof to bee (as commonly is called) foote (that is to say drosse) and the rest to bee very defective and poore goods as he conceives mixed with Tallowe or some other the like stuffe (The same waxe beinge sold for a lowe price and not after the rate of good waxe) All which etc I have thought good to certify vnder my hand with the seale of my office of maioralty in such Cases vsed the day and yeare abouesaid

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1653 December 10. John Love, servant to John Wilcox, Grocer, concerning a bond made between Henry Newman and John Wilcox.

Copy of bond included.

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1653 December 10. Michael Pitman, soapboiler, and James Wathen, shoemaker, concerning tallow and hides bought of John Alyes, Merchant.

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1653 December. Arnold Collins servant to William Cooke, grocer, concerning a bond made between Dudley North of Waterford, merchant and his master.

Copy of bond included.

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1653 December 10. Henry Gough, merchant, concerning Robert Yate's share of "The Abraham of Bristol".

1653 December 17. Further deposition by Robert Yate.

[1] "parte" *repeated in text.*

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1653 December 17. Further deposition by John Scott, master of "The Abraham of Bristol"

Cittie of Bristoll

Henry Haynes

These may signifie etc. That this instant 28th day of December 1653 Henry Haynes of ye Cittie of Bristoll marriner aged fiftie yeares or thereabouts came and personally appeared before me George Hellier Esqre now maior of ye Cittie of Bristoll and did depose and make voluntary oath taken vppon ye holy Evangelists of god that he the said deponent riding on ye river of Limricke on his voiadge to Virginea in ye ship called ye Ann of Bristoll in ye moneth of December 1652 did meet one ⟨*page 261*⟩ Captaine Nathaniel Bostick Captain of ye Hector a ship in ye States service who told this deponent that he was bound for Bristoll there intending to victual his ship wherevppon this deponent having in his hands two hundred peeces of Eight which were ye moneyes of Mr. Robert Yeamans of Bristoll did desire the said Captaine Bosticke to receive ye same peeces of Eight of this deponent and pay them in Bristoll to ye said Robert Yeamans whoe there vppon in ye said ship called ye Hector received ye same from [ye *struck through*] this deponent in a bag sealed with three seales and promised to pay the same to the said Mr Yeamans accordingly. All which etc with ye seale etc ye said 28th day of December 1653.

Aldworth

Geo. Hellier Maior

Bristoll

George Hale

These may signifie etc that this instant 28th day of December 1653 George Hale of ye age of 17 yeeres servant to Henry Haines of ye Cittie of Bristoll marriner came etc and did depose etc that this deponent did by his said Master's appointment about December 1652 draw over two hundred peeces of Eight in a certain ship called ye Ann of Bristoll then riding in ye river of Limrick which said monies this deponent saw his said Master seale up in a bag and deliver vnto Captaine Nathaniell Bostick ⟨*page 262*⟩ Captain of a ship called ye Hector the Captain [the *struck through*] being in ye Hector at ye tyme when he received it the which monies the said Captaine did in this deponents hearing promise to diliver vnto Mr Robert Yeamans of Bristoll marchant. All which etc. With ye seale etc. ye said 28th day of December 1653

Aldworth

Geo. Hellier Maior

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Theis may signifie etc. that this instant 30th day of December 1653. James Read minister of Gaunts Church William Jones of this Cittie Joiner, Mary ye wife of Richard Consolves of this Cittie and Johan ye wife of Robert Griffin of ye said Cittie seaman came etc before me George Hellier Esquier, Maior etc and did depose etc that is to say the said James Read deposeth that he married John Vaughan and Johan Marchfield in ye Gaunts Church[1] aforesaid uppon ye first day of Aprill 1652 and William Jones, Mary Consolves and Johan Griffin doe depose that they were present at ye solempnization of ye said marriage ye said first day of Aprill 1652 All which etc. with ye seale etc. ye said 30th day of December 1653.

Aldworth

Geo. Hellier Maior

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Theis may signifie and make knowne that this instant Third day of January 1653 Phillip Roberts Master of ye Mary Catch of Bristoll in her last voiadge from this port of Bristoll came and personally appeared before me George Hellier Esquier Maior of ye Cittie of Bristoll in ye common place of Audience called ye Tolzey of Bristoll and did depose and make voluntary oath taken vpon the holy Evangelists of God that this deponent set saile in ye said shipp called ye Mary Catch of Bristoll from this port of Bristoll about ye first day of October last being bound for Wexford in Ireland where ye said ship was afterwards that is to say the xxij^{d} day of October last [being *struck through*] or thereabouts laded with Two hundred ninety five barrells of herring & bound from that port of Wexford to Rouen in Normandy and going into ye same harbour of Rouen they were set uppon and taken ye xxvijth day of November last by a Dunkirke man of Warr ye Captaine whereof was John de Beuf. All which vppon request as is Just and usuall & for ye further manifestation of a truth herein. I ye aforesaid Maior have thought good to certifie Yeoven under my hand with ye comon seale of my office of Maioralty in such cases vsed ye day & yeere first abovewritten.

Aldworth

Geo. Hellier Maior

[1] St. Mark's, or the Lord Mayor's Chapel, part of the dissolved Hospital of the Gaunts purchased by the Corporation of Bristol from the Crown in 1541.

Bristoll

Robert Digby James Smither David Webb

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These may signifie and make known that this instant ffiveth day of January 1653 Robert Digby master and James Smither & David Webb mariners of the ship Fortune of Bristoll in her last voidage from this Port towerds Croswicke in France came personally before me George Hellier Esquier Maior of the Cittie of Bristoll in the common place of audience there and did depose and make voluntary oath taken vpon [him *struck through*] the holy Evangelists of God that vpon the first day of October last or there abouts they these deponents set saile in the said ship for the said port of Croswicke and in their voiadge they put into Portluy and coming out were taken as prize by a man of warr pretending he had an Irish Comission. And they further depose that these severall goods hereafter expressed were taken out of the said ship by those that tooke her prize that is to say a new Flag and all the vanes musquets and fire lockes two hundred weight of cordage or there abouts a barrill and a halfe of Gunpowder or thereabouts one hundred shott or thereabouts and the Cookes store foretopsale gunners store compasses, glasses, leads and lines and ship provision, in all amounting to the value of one hundred and twenty pounds or there abouts and were disposed of by the said persons. All which vpon request as is just and vsuall and for further manifestation of a truth herein I the aforesaid Maior have thought good to certifie yeoven vnder my hand with the Comman seale of my office of Maioralty of this Cittie in such cases vsed the day and yeare first above written.

Geo. Hellier Maior Aldworth

Bristoll

John Peterson

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Theis may signifie etc. that this instant Fiveth day of January 1653 John Peterson merchant came personallie before me George Hellier Esquier Maior of the Cittie of Bristoll and did depose etc. that in ye moneth of October last ye ship called the fortune of Bristoll (the said deponent being part owner and whole fraighter of ye said ship) set saile from ye port of Bristoll for ye port of Croswick in France the ship and tackling when she set saile was worth six hundred pounds and she had aboard her to the value of sixty fower pounds sterling in Coles or thereabouts and in lead ye value of one hundred thirty two pounds sterling or thereabouts All which etc with ye seale etc.

George Hellier Maior Aldworth

Cittie of Bristoll

William Floyd

These may certifie all whome it may concerne yt on Munday ye Ninth day of January in the yeare of our Lord God 1653 there came personally before me George Hellier Esquier maior of the Cittie of Bristoll William Floyd of the same Cittie Marriner aged 50 yeares or thereabouts Captaine of ye shipp called ye Diligence of Bristoll aforesaid of ye burthen of 100 & 60 Tonnes or thereabouts; And did then & therevpon his oath taken vpon ye holy Evangelist depose & say That on or about ye seaventeenth day of November last past 1653 he, this deponent riding with the same shipp in Spickes Bay in ye said Island of the Barbadoes espied a shipp under saile ⟨*page 266*⟩ Coming into ye said Bay with French Coloures abroad & that he this deponent having a Comission of marke graunted him sent his boat and some of his Company on board her before she came to Anchor there but being within Command & comanded ye Master & Merchant of her to come abord ye said shipp Diligence ; And that accordingly ye said boat & Company brought them on board And yt after some discourste on board the Diligence he this deponent shewed them his Comission of Marke and soe sized ye said shipp and [goods *struck through*] her lading as Prize & that there vpon the said Master & Merchant answered this deponent that ye goods laden on board ye said shipp prize did belong to English men living in Barbadoes (Being salt) and that the said shipp did belong to French men living in ye Island of Norteleno And further saith that he found the said ship prize to be a Flemish bottome and had in her Flemish Coloures, And all the men in her Dutch men Flemish[1] except one [man *struck through*] English man (As the Master of her said) and Eight English passengers, and he this deponent further saith yt he acquainted ye Governer of ye said Island of Barbadoes therewith & withall desired him to give leave to land the goods on board ye prize on shore for to secure ye same, he this deponent and his Company not finding the said prize sufficient to be brought for England shee being very leakie and that at the tyme of such his request to ye Governor he this deponent brought his Comission of marke and shewed it to the said Governor that he might see by what power he seased ye said shipp & her lading & Alsoe saith yt ye said Governor Daniell Searle then answered that he had more power by his Comission then he this deponent had by his ; And tould him this deponent that he should have nothing to doe with the said prize And more over this deponent saith that then [her

[1] " Flemish " *struck through,* " Dutchmen " *inserted above the line.*

struck through] he enrowled his said Comission of Marke in ye said Governor's Court & tould him that he had found sufficient papers to make her a prize & that by some of those papers being a certificate she did belong to Amsterdam in Holland and came thence 17 monthes before that tyme with goods & shee had likewise a passe port that she should not be molested by any man of warr [of *struck through*] belonging to Holland & withall tould him ye said Governor that he would carry these papers & two of ye Cheefest of the Company of ye prize for England ⟨*page 267*⟩ And that he the said Governor replyed & bidd him cary away [of *struck through*] the said papers or men for England if he did dare for his eares And likewise his deponent saith that in regaurd of a bond entred into by him at his first coming vpon ye said Island not to cary away any man of ye said Island without ye Governor's consent And for that he this deponent had divers goods owing vnto him vpon the said Island was [fere *struck through*] fearefull to cary away the said men or papers ; And that the said Governor tould him ye salt laden on board the said ship prize was for ye releife of ye said Island, And that if a Turke had brought it in he would protect it. And further said that his Comission did extend soe farr as to trade with all those places as were in Amity with him (he then naming the said Islands of Martileno to be one of those) And that therevpon he this deponent Answered him that if he would make void his said Comission of Marke, That then he this deponent would make her a prize by verty of an Acte of ye Parliment of England, And there vpon the said Governor ordered the same to be put to Tryall in his Court And withall tould him this deponent that he should have nothing out of the same prize by [verty *struck through*] vertue of his said Comission And this deponent likewise saith that he could not stay there to see the end of the said Triall (in regaurd of proceeding on his voiage) but left it in the hands of his Attorneys there In testimony, where of I have heere vnto subscribed my name And caused the seale of ye office of Maioralty to be here vnto affixed, As is vsuall in such Cases the day & yeare first above written 1653

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1653 January 12. Christopher Hiet, concerning the weight of bags of ginger bought by Thomas Cottrell of London, from Richard Harris.

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1653 January 14. James Chick of Northweston, husbandman, concerning his son James Chick, who was killed while serving on "The Merchants Delight".

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Corroborative certificate signed by Thomas Parsyvall, John Knight, John Wilmott, Thomas Parsyvall, John Champlin, Christopher Hipsly, William Barry, Richard Bushe, Thomas Barrow, John Hort, Thomas Cottrell, Robert Callis, Richard Barry John Harris, Nicholas Wade, Lawrence Lee, John Barry, Robert Callis Junior, Thomas Parsons, Edward Brakes, John Totterdell, all inhabitants of Portishead and Northweston.

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1653 January 20. Edward Giles of Christchurch, Barbadoes, Planter, concerning power of attorney given by John Wiseman to John Smith, in respect of his house in Wedmore, Somerset.

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Copy of deed included.

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Bristoll

Margaret Lorgan

pauper

Theis may signifie etc. that this instant xxi of January 1653 Margaret Lorgan widdow late wife of Walter Lorgan late of the parish of St. Austins in the Cittie of Bristoll marriner deceased came etc. and deposed etc. before me George Hellier Esquier maior etc That about seaven yeeres since she was married to her said husband in the parish Church of St. Michaells within the said Cittie and that in the moneth of May 1652 her said husband was pressed to serve the Commonwealth of England in a ship called the Resolucion and as the said deponent is credibly informed by two men that belonged to the said ship her said husband was killed in the said ship about Michalmas then following the same men having brought home about a moneth then next after following to the said deponent her said husbands Cloathes that he had vppon him when he was killed. All which etc.

Aldworth

George Hellier Maior

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1653 January 28. Rebecca Crosse, wife of Bartholomew Crosse, seaman, concerning will of Humphry Wenellall; property in Barbadoes and England. Bequests to Rebecca Crosse, Mr. Jones, Coppersmith, and Mary Stevens his daughter, John George, William Haynes and Mr. Wilson, all of Barbadoes, and William Wennellall his brother.

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Bristoll

Thomas Palmer

Theis may signifie etc. that on this instant xxxth day of January 1653 Thomas Palmer of Bedminster in ye County of Somerset, husbandman, came etc before me George Hellier Esquier, Maior etc and did depose that aboute the Month of February one Thousand six hundred forty and One he the said deponent being not very well in bed in his house in Ballyspillane in the County of Corke in Ireland one John Hoddie sonne to Phillip Hoddie then of Ballicrawney in ye same County of Corke came to the said deponent and told him that James Fitz William Gerrald had taken away his the said John Hoddyes father's Cattle from Bidfortstowne wherevpon he the said deponent hastened presently out of his bed and ran after the said Cattle and having overtaken them demanded of the said James Fitz William Gerrald the reason of his driving away the same Cattle and the said James answered the said deponent that the Irish Army were at the blacke water and for ought he the said James knew they would be about Bedfortstowne that night And that it was for Phillip Hoddyes good to take the same cattle into his keeping because he the said James knew them to be more safe with him then with Phillip Hoddye wherevpon this deponent tooke an account of the number of the same cattle which was as followeth (vizt.) Twelve Yearling Calfes, Twelve Cattle of Two yeare old Thirteene Cowes with Calfe. And then the said James delivered to William Mack Garret Ten of the same Cowes charging him the siad William to keepe them till further order from him the said James and in case the Irish Army did come thither then the said James bid the same William Mack Garret to tell them that they were ye cattle of him the said James And alsoe he ye said James did then bid him ye said William Mack Garret that whensoever he the said ⟨*page 276*⟩ James should send for ye same Cattle he the said William should bring them to him And this deponent further saith that about a weeke after the said William did drive seven of the same of the Cattle soe left with him

towerds his the said James Fitz William Gerralls house. And that aboute halfe a yeare after the said Phillip Hoddie desired this deponent to goe along with him to the said James Fitz William Gerrald where vpon this deponent went with him and the said Phillip then demanded of the said James why he tooke away his Cattell and he replied it was for his the said Phillips good and he the said James did then shew this deponent all the aforesaid cattle in one of his grounds And withall he the said James did tell the said Phillip that he and all the rest of the English Tenants should not have their cattle of their grounds but they should remaine there for the reliefe of the Irish army in case they came thither. Wherevpon this deponent and the said Phillip departed from him without his cattle. The said cattle being then vpon the land of Glenane the whole number of them being thirty fower & were kept vpon the same lands by the said James Fitz William Gerrald lying alsoe in the same County of Corke

George Hellier Maior Aldworth

⟨Pages 277 and 278.⟩

1653 *January 31. Anthony Meyricke, of Llantrissent, yeoman, concerning fetching of cask of wine from Cardiff for Thomas Southam, and its alleged theft by William Jones, apothecary, of Cardiff.*

Further deposition on the same matter by William Bevan, mercer, of Llantrissent.

⟨Pages 278 and 279.⟩

1653 *February 2. Hopkin Richards, of Swansey, cordwainer, concerning freighting of "The Reformacion of Swansey" and sale of part of her by John Bowen of Swansea, to John Grove of Bristol, merchant. Price to be settled by Andrew Hooke.*

⟨Pages 280 and 281.⟩

1653 *February 4. William Bayley of London, master o "The Joseph of Bristoll", concerning her capture by the Dutch on her last voyage to Newfoundland, when carrying butts of sack, property of James Crofte, merchant.*

Further deposition by John Pearce, master's mate.

Further joint deposition by these two men that the ship was taken by the Dutch between the island of Teneriffe and Gibraltar. Other cargo included lead, lead ore and dry fish.

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Bristoll George Jones

Theis may signifie etc. that on this instant second day of February 1653 George Jones of Aberthaugh in ye County of Glamorgan marriner came personallie before me George Hellier Esquier maior of the said Citty of Bristoll and did depose etc. that he hath perused the Certificate hereunto annexed and that all things therein certified are true to his knowledge he being imploied as a seaman in the ship called ye Eagle of Bristoll mencioned in the said Certificate in the same voiadge there specified And that the said deponent doth verily beleeve that Samuell Willis the then Master of the said ship lost fower or five thousand pounds weight of Tobacco he then had in the said ship, for that the new impost of one shilling nine pence per pound was far more then the tobacco itselfe would have produced had it been sould at ye best rates then currant. All which etc. under my hand & seale etc.

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Copy of certificate included signed by William Hinton, searcher; Thomas Adams, and Rowland Meyricke, customer & collector.

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1653 February 6. Thomas Hatton of London, haberdasher, concerning debt of Abraham Hiley to Thomas Wood.

⟨*Pages 284 and 285.*⟩

1653 February 4. Michaell Pitman, soapboiler, concerning purchase of tallow from John Alies merchant. Details annexed. Further account concerning tanned hides bought by James Wathen from John Alies struck out because not sworn to.

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1653 February 11. Richard Hutson, mariner, in "The Reformacion of Bristol" concerning taking by her of Dutch ship "Rub of Medenblike" on her return from Cadiz. Prize cargo of salt.

1653 February 13. Cadwallader Jenkins, clerk, concerning marriage between George Barker, watchmaker, and Mary James.

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1653 February 16. John Mather, master of "The King David of London" concerning her capture near Gibraltar by the Dutch vessel "Susanna of Amsterdam". Cargo of lead and other merchandize.

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1653 February 16. Duplicate of this deposition.

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ristoll
ohn Vawer

Theis may signifie etc that on this instant eighteenth day of February 1653 John Vawer of ye Citty of Bristoll mercer came etc before me George Hellier Esquier maior etc and did depose etc That in ye yeere one Thousand six hundred forty two he had a list of ye names of severall [names *struck through*] persons that lent severall somes of money for ye providing of horses & Armes for ye furnishing of a troope vnder ye Comand of Captaine Henry Vaughan in ye Regiment of Collonell Nathaniel Fynes then governour of ye said Citty of Bristoll for ye parliament, And by ye same list he doth fynde that one Mary Leake then of ye said Citty of Bristoll did advance and lend for ye service aforesaid the some of ten pounds ye particular tyme when this was lent he findes it [to be *struck through*] entred downe uppon ye same list to be ye sixth of March 1642. All which etc under ye seale etc.

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1653 February 20. Henry Creswicke, merchant, concerning his ownership of quarter part of "The Joseph of Bristoll", (master, William Bayly) taken by Dutch near Gibraltar.

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1653 February 20. Daniell Jones, cooper, concerning his collection of tithecorn, fifty years before, from Great Pucking Grove, on behalf of Mr. Thomas Newton, then minister of St. Michael's parish and the deposit of it in the barn of Mr. Yeamans, grazier, who rented the tithe.

⟨*Pages 291 and 292.*⟩

1653 February 20. Joseph Jackson, merchant, concerning lead and other goods loaded by him on "The King David of London", on behalf of Benjamin Whetcombe of London.

1653 February 22. John Creswicke, merchant, concerning money received and laid out on behalf of Benjamin Whetcombe, and William Watson, merchant of Amsterdam, part owners of "The King David of London".

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Bristoll

Thomas Hobson

George Lymell

These may signifie etc That this twenty fowerth day of February 1653 certaine of ye Company of the Inhoulders of ye Cittie of Bristoll came before me Geo. Hellier Esquier Maior of ye said Cittie in behalfe of themselves and others of their Corporacion And brought with them Mr Thomas Hobson of this Cittie Aged 70 yeeres who was some time an Inholder and one of the Subcommittee in this Cittie for taking of accounts And alsoe one George Limell of this Cittie gent aged 45 yeeres or thereaboutes & the said Thomas Hobson did depose & make voluntary Oath taken vpon then holy Evangelists of God that certaine of the Inholderers of this Cittie who are nominated in a booke now shewed mee did come before the Comittee for taking of accounts in this Cittie & did bring with them Certaine Notes ⟨*page 294*⟩ or papers of Accounts for certaine monyes[1] due unto them for Quartering of Soulders And did there before the said Comittee prove vppon Oath their severall accounts respectively which accounts were entred into a certain booke severally And the said Inholders did put their hands to their severall accounts The totall account of which booke being cast vp in the end of ye said booke amounted to 988 li – 11 s – 5 d as by the Coppy of the said booke now shewed me doth appeere And that the Committee then sitting did affirme ye account to be true & did set their hands vnto ye said booke for the truith thereof And certified ye said debt in the said booke vnder their hands to ye Grand Comittee at London as by this Coppie of the said booke appeereth and that he verily beleaveth that this Coppy concerning which he deposeth was written aboute ye said time and which he hath had ever since in his keeping And vnto which this my Certificate is now affixed is a true Coppy of the said former booke And that in regard he was a Claimer of his debt in ye said booke amongst the rest as by his a account in this Coppie appeareth he did not set his hand with the rest of the Comittees to the Certificate in ye said booke to the gennerall account but only to his owne account for the debt dew to him And he said George Limell did depose that he was register to the subcomittee of this Cittie for taking of account of such who had Received monyes for the vse of the Comonwealth And as this deponent thinketh he did write the said Inholders severall accounts in a booke by order of the said Sub Comittee and further saith that he wrott this Coppie of the said booke wherevnto this my

[1] "dew" *struck through,* "due" *inserted above the line.*

Certificate as aforesaid is affixed to be kept with the said Committee And that this Coppie now shewed him is the Transcript of the said booke being of his owne hand writing. All which etc. the Comon Seale etc.

Geo. Hellier maior Aldworth

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1653 February 25. John Knight, Senior, merchant, concerning victualling of "The Joseph of Bristoll" and his ownership of one quarter part of her.

Bristoll
Robert Cann
William Willet
Samuel Price

These may signifie etc that on this instant 25th day of February 1653 Robert Cann and William Willet of the Cittie of Bristoll Merchants and Samuel Price of ye same Cittie Shipwrite depose etc that they now are & were owners of ye good ship called the Samaritan of Bristoll of ye Burden of 200 Tons or there aboutes whereof John Prince was master at ye tyme of her last voiage from ye Port of Bristoll towards St. Sabastians which ship being laden with corne *⟨page 296⟩* Pilchers Bees Wax and other Merchandizes did set saile from the said port of Bristoll vppon or aboutes the 26th day of January last And the said deponents further say that they are advised by letters from Plimouth that ye said ship Samaritan in her last voiage towards St. Sabastians was taken by a Brest man of Warr & afterwards was retaken by one of the Friggotts belonging to the Comonwealth of England and by the said Frigott is brought in and now remaineth in the harboure in Plimouth All which etc. Comon Seale etc.

Geo. Hellier, Maior Aldworth

⟨Pages 296 and 297.⟩

1653 February 25. Further deposition by Joseph Jackson, Robert Yate, William Dale, Robert Cann and William Willett, merchants, and Samuell Price, shipwright.

1653 March 1. Daniel Roach, apprentice of Edward Oliver, haberdasher of small wares, concerning loading of merchandize on "The Elinor of Youghall" for Gallaway.

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Bristoll
Miles Dickson

These may signifie etc. that on this instant first day of March in ye yeere 1653 Miles Dickson of ye Cittie of London Merchant came personally before me Geo. Hellier Esq. Maior of the said Cittie of

Bristol and did depose etc. that William Wayle of the Cittie of Bristoll Merchant vppon or aboute the 23th day of January last did lade aboard the Barque called the Elinor of Youghall in Ireland severall goods & Merchantcizes account which said Barque set saile from ye Port of Bristol vppon or aboute the 28th day of the same month of January being bound for Gallaway in Ireland And the said deponent further saith that the said Barque & goods was surprized & taken the one and thirtieth day of the same month being vppon the Irish Coasts of of[1] Cape Cleere by Captaine Richard Beach a pirate of Brest in France he the said deponent being in the said Barque at the same time when she was soe taken and lost. All which vppon request as is just & usuall for the further manifestacion of the truith. I have thought good to certifie vnder my hand with the seale of my office of maioralty in such cases vsed Dated the day & yeare first above written

Aldworth

Geo. Hellier Maior

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Bristoll
John Day
James Smith
Wm. Slowly
James Andrews
James Birkin

These may signifie etc that on this instant Fowerth day of March in the yeere 1653 John Day of Bristoll Merchant aged 24 yeeres or there aboutes James Smith Mastersmate aged 36 yeeres or thereaboute William Slowly Mastersmate aged 35 or thereaboute James Andrewes Shipcarpenter aged 21 yeeres or there aboutes & James Berkin mariner aged 17 or there aboutes came all personally before me Geo: Hellier Esq. Maior of the Cittie of Bristoll & did depose etc that the ship called the George of Bristol of the [Buden *struck through*] Burden of 70 Tons or there aboutes whereof William Smitten was Master vppon the twenty fowerth day of January last being on her voiage bound for ye port of Kingsaile in Ireland being laden with Indigo Sugar & Tobacco and being within 10 Leagues of the port of Kingsaile the said 24th day of January last was set vppon by a pirate that pretended himselfe for the State of England and fought with the said ship George vnder the [English *struck through*] English Coloures, & by that meanes the Master and Company being deluded ye master & part of his Company were gotten abord ye said pirotte & soe were surprized togeather with the said ship George And they all further depose yt the said ship George remained in the Custody of the said pirate vntill the third day of February then next following during

[1] "of" *written twice.*

all which time she was not brought into any port or place whatsoever but beate to and againe at Sea. And the said deponents William Slowly, James Andrewes, & James Berkin doe further depose that on the said third day of February the said ship George was set vppon & taken by a ship of Ostend called the Peter whereof Captaine Peters was Comander as was reported by the same Comader and Company of the same shipp. And the ⟨*page 300*⟩ said ship soe taken was by the said ship of Ostend carried away And the said deponents William Slowly, James Andrewes & James Berkin doe further depose that during all the tyme that the said ship George remained in the Custody of the said Pirate vntill she was taken by the ship of Ostend they the said deponents togeather with William May & Edward Doleman being all of the said ship George his Company did remaine aboard the said ship and were not dispossessed of her vntill she was taken by the said Ship of Ostend as aforesaid And the said deponents William Slowly James Andrewes & James Berkin doe further depose that at the time the said ship George was soe taken by the said Ship of Ostend the [goe *struck through*] goods first laden in ye hold of the same ship George was not at all imbezilled or taken away and that much of the goods that was laden at first betweene decks was alsoe remaining in her at the time of her being taken by the said Ostender and they the said deponents doe remember that there was remaining then betweene decks fower barrells of Indigo 2 barrells of Sugar and about 12 Roules of Tobacco All which vppon request as is Just & vsuall I have thought good to certifie vnder my hand with the seale of my office of Maioralty in such cases vsed dated the day & yeere first above written 1653

George Hellier Maior Aldworth

⟨*Pages 301 and 302.*⟩

1653 March 6. William Clare, Merchant, Roger Long, woollen draper, Richard Clare, Thomas Chandler, haulier, and George Earle, porter, all of Bristol, concerning the true weight of two chests of indigo and two barrels of sugar delivered to Humphry Hooke, a merchant of London.

⟨*Page 302.*⟩

Bristoll
John Hodges

These may signifie etc. that on this instant eight day March 1653 John Hodges Junior of Bristoll aforesaid, marriner aged 25 yeeres or there aboutes and Marriner in the Ship called the Samaritan

of Bristol in her last voiadge from this port of Bristoll towards St. Sebast [ins *struck through*] ians came personally before me Geo : Hellier Esqre now Maior of the said Cittie of Bristoll & did depose etc that vppon the fift day of February last or thereaboutes the said Ship Samaritann being in her voiadge and twenty Leagues westward of the Iland of Scilly was surprized and taken by two Brest men of Warr Captaine Beach being Captaine of the one and Captaine Smith of the other And the said Ship soe taken was sent by the said Captaines as Prize toward [bre *struck through*] Brest And sayling Thitherward was 5 dayes after ⟨*page 303*⟩ Retaken by a Frigott in the service of the Commonwealth of England called ye Saphir Frigot : And the said deponent further saith that the said Captaines of the Brest men of Warr not any of the person aboard [her *struck through*] them did take nothing out of the said ship Samaritan during the time they had her in custody but only a part of the Calveskins and some Stockins and most part of the Cumpanyes Chests and powder shot & ship provisions and two or three Tanned hides And the said deponent further saith yt all the rest of the goods aboard [her *struck through*] the said ship Samartan being Corne, Tanned Hides, Calveskins and Bees wax with the Rest of the Tacklin and furniture of the said ship Samaritan being soe retaken came into the possession of one Captaine Eaton Captaine of the said [ship *struck through*] Saphir Frigot who afterwards delivered the same into the possession of one Hinton and John Webb Two of his Company with direccion to goe to Plimouth but by Contrary winds they put into Scilly where ye said deponent did see a quantity of Calveskins and Hides laded on a Boate that had beene discharged out of the said ship and the said boate and Calveskins and Hides were sent to St. Maries in the said Iland by the order & direccion of the said Hinton & his Company and were delivered aboard a London ship bound for London from St Lucus where afterwards the said deponent saw some of them drying, and from thence ye said ship Samaritan was brought neere to Plymouth & came to Anchor before [Causon *struck through*] Cawson[1] where ye said Hinton sent ashore in a boate a new Shute Cable with some sayles & the next day they came to Anchor in Plymouth Sound where ye said Hinton & ye Company sold ye rest of [the *struck through*] the goods aboard her with much of the furniture excepting the wheate & the Pilchers All which etc Common Seale etc

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[1] *i.e.* Cawsand.

⟨*Page 304.*⟩

1653 March 8. Elizabeth Harper, wife of John Harper, linendraper and Administratrix of the wills of her late husband, Symon Lewis, concerning £20 lent by him to Parliament.

1653 March 10. Thomasin Fox, widow, concerning 5,500 lbs of sugar belonging to James Hoskins, planter, in Island of Montserrat, which she had sold to Edward Willcox.

⟨*Page 305.*⟩

Bristoll
Anthony Gay

These may signifie etc that on this instant tenth day of March 1653 Anthony Gay of Bristol aforesaid Merchant came etc before me George Hellier Esq Maior of the said Cittie of Bristoll and did depose etc that vppon or aboute the 24th day of December last he the said deponent did lade aboard the good ship called the Little Virgin of Bristoll of the burden of 70 tonns or thereabouts whereof Francis Poupard was Master the Severall goods and Merchandizes in the particular herevnto annexed conteined which goods & Merchandizes were for the account of the said deponent and Andrew Kirby merchants of Bristoll and Lawrence Gay and Thomas Gay of Barnstable merchants and were consigned vnto Edward Moore factor in Rochell and all marked as is in the Margent of the said particular annexed which said ship was then in this port of Bristoll being bound for Rochell aforesaid and set saile hence vppon or aboute the Sixteenth day of January last past All which etc vnder the Seale etc.

Aldworth

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Bristoll December the 24th 1653

Laden aboard the good ship called the Little Virgin of Bristoll for the accompt proper of mee Anthony Gay and Andrew Kirby merchant and consigned vnto Edward Moore factor in Rochell (vizt) all marked as per margent

fifty three Kinterkins[1] of butter
forty nine dozen of Calveskins in 9 bundles
thirty fower barrels of shott
one hundred ninety fower peeces of lead

[1] Or Kilderkin. An old English measure usually equal to two firkins.

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For my particular Account
one Barrell of Stubbs[1]
one firkin[2] of Butter

for account in equall proportion betweene
Mr. John Palmer Lawrence Gay and
Thomas Gay of Barnestable Merchants
and my selfe :
[conteining *struck through*] conteining as vnder
appeares being marked and numbered as per
Margent (vizt)
Forty peeces of fine Barnestable White
doble bayes in seven packes

Pilchers

Stubbs

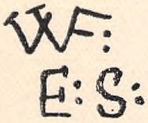
Skins

Butter

1653 March 10. Further deposition by James Easton concerning the lading of pilchards and stubbs.

⟨*Page 307.*⟩

1653 March 10. Further deposition by John Nicholls, concerning the lading of calveskins, hides, and butter, marked as in margin.



⟨*Pages 307 and 308*⟩.

1653 March 10. Further deposition by Blanche Freeman, wife of William Freeman, concerning the lading of butter, stubbs, lead, peas, marked as in margin.

⟨*Page 308.*⟩

1653 March 10. Further deposition by James Deane, concerning the lading of butter, marked as in margin.

[1] Short, blunt nails.

[2] A measure of capacity for various values. For butter it was 56 lb.

Butter

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⟨*Page 309.*⟩

1653 March 10. Further deposition by Nicholas French, concerning the lading of butter and herrings, marked as in margin.

Butter & Shott

⟨*Pages 309 and 310.*⟩

1653 March 10. Further deposition by Gabriel Sherman, concerning the lading of butter, shot and lead, marked as in margin.

Lead

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⟨*Page 310.*⟩

1653 March 10. Further deposition by Thomas Chaloner, concerning the lading of butter, marked as in margin.

Bristoll

John Gunning

⟨*Page 311.*⟩

Theis are to certifie in pursuance of an order of ye Commissioners for removing of obstruccions of the third of March 1653 that on this instant Eleventh day of March in the yeere of our Lord god 1653 John Gouning Esqre one of the Alderman of the Cittie of Bristoll came personally before mee George Hellier Esqre Maior of the said Cittie of Bristoll and did depose and make voluntary Oath taken vppon the holy Evangelists of god that he the said deponent verily believes there was a Considerable debt owing by Sir Sackfield Crow vnto Mr. Henry Peck father of the petitioner aboute the yeere 1638 for satisfaccion whereof the said Sir Sackfield Crow assigned over part of his interest in the Iron workes in the forrest of Deane to ye said Mr. Henry Peck. And this deponent further saith that he knowes not or remembers yt ever the said Sir Sackfield Crow or the said Mr. Peck did give consent to the surrender of thirtieth of March 1640 mencioned in the said order And alsoe that to his the said deponents knowledge or remembrance was there ⟨*page 312*⟩ Any collaterall security given to the said Sir Sackfield Crow or the said Mr. Peck. All which vppon request as is just & vsuall I have thought good to certifie vnder my hand with the Seale of my office of Maioralty of the said Cittie in such cases vsed dated the day and yeere first above written 1653.

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Bristoll
William Hamans

These may signifie etc that on this instant fowerteenth day of March 1653 William Hamans of the Cittie of Bristoll mariner aged 21 yeeres or thereaboutes[1] came etc & did depose etc. that vppon or aboute the first day of November last William Symons master of the Ship called the Leopard of Bristoll being in the Iland of Mevis did sell to Mr Rixbill Merchant resident in the said Iland 24 yards of parchment lace and 12 dozen of Button or there aboutes which he the said William Symons did sell for Silver lace and Silver Buttons and at the desire and for ye account of Mr Henry Dighton of the said Cittie of Bristoll Brewer it being an adventure sent in the said Ship by the said Henry Dighton which said goods afterwards proved to be false & counterfeit And the said deponent doth verily believe that ye said William Symons did receive the same lace and Buttons to be good Silver at ye time when he sold the same All which etc vnder the Seale

Aldworth

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Bristoll
John Pope
Arthur Farmer
George Hart
John Hawkins

These may signifie etc that on this instant 18th of March 1653 John Pope[2] of the said Cittie of Bristoll Merchant aged 38 yeeres or thereaboutes Arthur Farmer of the same Cittie Brewer aged 55 or thereaboutes George Hart of the same Citty mercer aged 50 yeeres or thereaboutes and John Hawkins of the same Cittie Brewer aged 33 yeeres or thereaboutes came etc before me George Hellier etc ; and did [depose etc that *struck through*] severally each man for himselfe and not one for an other depose as followeth that he the said John Pope out of his good affeccion to the Parliament and for the provision of Sir William Waller's Army being ready to ingage against Sir Ralph Hoptons army marching towards this Cittie did in the month of June 1643 lend and pay the some of fifty pounds and that he the said Arthur Farmer at the same time did lend & pay the like some of fifty pounds [and ye *struck through*] & yt he ye said George Hart the same tyme did lend & pay the some of fowerscore pounds and yt he the said John Hawkins at ye same tyme by the direccion and appointment of his father Francis Hawkins did lend and pay the some of Twenty pounds for which said Somes the said deponents did further severally depose yt they had noe [respective *struck through*] receipt geven them or

[1] " yeeres or there aboutes " *inserted above the line.*

[2] For biographical notes, see Appendix, p. 208.

to any of them And that the said Severall & respective somes as aforesaid are still vnpaid & remain as Just debts due from the Comonwealth etc vnder the Seale etc.

Aldworth

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1653 March 18. Arthur King and Elizabeth Elliot of Bristol, concerning money lent to Parliament, and also an account for £49 . 6 . 6. for medicine supplied to the wounded soldiers in the garrison of Bristol, and not repaid.

⟨Page 315.⟩

1653 March 20. Robert Yate and John Bush of Bristol, merchants, concerning money lent to Parliament, and not repaid.

⟨Page 316.⟩

1653 March 20. Further deposition on the same matter by George Hellier, Mayor of Bristol.

1653 March 20. Further deposition on the same matter by Richard Vickris, merchant.

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1653 March 20. Further deposition on the same matter by Thomas Woodward senior, woollen draper.

1653 March 20. Further deposition on the same matter by William Cann, merchant.

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1653 March 20. Further deposition on the same matter by John Gonning, merchant.

1653 March 20. Joan Langton, concerning £200 lent by her husband to Parliament, and not repaid.

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1653 March 20. Joan Langton, concerning money lent by her husband to Colonel Fiennes, Governor of the Garrison at Bristol.

⟨*Pages 320 and 321.*⟩

1653 March 21. William Combe of Bristol, Public Notary, concerning the examination of a bond between John Pitts, clothier, and Richard Goodwin. Copy of bond included.

The sixth day of March 1653

Bristoll

Richard Grumwell

Richard Grumwell of Bristoll marriner deposeth that at the request of Arthur Plomer master of ye ship Hart of Bristoll he did at ye discharging of her in Hungroad goe aboard her & view two butts of wine which lay by the foremast in ye hold which two butts were then well stowed according to ye Custome of ye Sea.

Wm Lenington

William Lenington Cooper deposeth that ye said 2 butts doe belong one of them to Mr. Pester & ye other to Mr Days and he ye said deponent was sent aboard ye said ship by ye merchant to view & amend the Butts and barrells of raisins aboard her and the said deponent saith that ye said 2 butts were well stowed.

Aldworth

Capt. Coram
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⟨*Page 322.*⟩

1653 March 22. Elizabeth Piott of Barton Regis, concerning money lent by her late husband to Parliament and not repaid.

1653 March 22. Edward Piott of Barton Regis, merchant, concerning bows, arrows and bowstrings to the value of £30, which his father in law William Hackett, fletcher, lent Colonel Fiennes, Governor of Bristol.

⟨*Page 323.*⟩

1653 March 20. John Locke, merchant, concerning money lent to Parliament and not repaid.

1653 March 22. Further deposition on the same matter by Walter Stephens, linen draper.

⟨*Page 324.*⟩

1653 March 22. Further deposition on the same matter by James Crofts, merchant.

Bristoll

Whereas by an order of ye Lords & Comons in parliament assembled of the 10th of January 1642 a true Coppy whereof is herevnto Annexed it appeareth that the Inhabitans of the Cittie of Bristoll

did lend and pay vppon the parliaments proposicions some of Three Thousand pounds & by the said Order had ye publique faith for their Security one Thousand pounds whereof being already satisfied and the other Two Thousand pounds yet remaining due & vnpaid These [art *struck through*] are to Certifie all whome it may Concerne yt Gabriell Sherman of the Cittie of Bristoll Merchant did lend and advance in part of the said two thousand pounds the Some of 50 li and ought to have Satisfaccion made vnto him accordingly

Gabriell Sherman

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Martis 10° January 1642

Whereas the Inhabitants within the Cittie of Bristoll have lent vppon the parliament proposicions Three Thousand pounds and paid the same (which according to ye said proposicions ought to have beene paid vnto Sir John Woolaston kt Alderman of ye Cittie of London) vnto John Ash Esqr. a member of the house of Comons for the present assistance of those within the Countyes of Gloucester, Somerset, and Wilts which are associated togeather for mutuall defence in the Service of the King & Parliament where vppon some of ye Gentlemen of this associacion became bound for the paiment of the said Three Thousand pounds vnto the said Inhabitants of the Cittie of Bristoll by the first day of February next if in the meanetime an order be not obtained from both houses of parliament to accept of the said Thre Thousand pounds thus paid as lent vppon the proposicions aforesaid now [for as much *struck through*] for as much as the Three Thousand pounds is to be imployed for ye present raysing of an Army out of ye said three Countyes to Joyne with other forces vnder the Comand of the Earle of Essex for the more speedy ending of this vnhappy Warr. Its Ordered by the Lords and Commons in this present parliament assembled yt ye said Three Thousand pounds lent & paid by the Inhabitants of the Cittie of Bristoll as aforesaid shall be taken as lent vppon the proposicions from ye parliament And they the said Inhabitants of Bristoll accordingly to have the publique faith for their security and satisfaccion.

vera Copia Jo. Browne Cleric Parliamentorum

⟨*Page 326.*⟩

Bristoll

To all Christian people to whome these present shall come George Hellier Esqr Maior of the Cittie of Bristoll sendeth greeting know

Elizabeth Sherman alias Martyn

Wm. Oately

Isabell Dun

Susanna Demster

yee yt this present day Elizabeth Sherman alias Martyn named in the wrighting herevnto annexed came before me and made a Second delivery there of as her Act and deed to the vse of Shershaw Cary therein named and for better Knowledge and satisfaction that she the said Elizabeth is the right party named in the same wrighting there came alsoe before me William Oately of this Cittie Blacksmith aged 70 yeeres or thereaboutes Isabell Dun of the Cittie of Bristoll aged 50 yeeres or thereaboutes Susanna Demster of the same Cittie aged 36 yeeres or thereaboutes & vppon their Oathes voluntary taken vppon ye holy Evangelists doe depose and say as followeth yt ye said Elizabeth is daughter of John Sherman alias Martyn late of the Cittie of Bristoll mariner & of Elizabeth his wife Who aboute 14 yeer since transplanted themselves to ye Island of Barbadoes where he the said Johnn had a plantacion (as these deponents have heard) which said John & Elizabeth his wife as this deponent have alsoe heard and believe are both since dead And they further depose and say that they know yt ye said John & Elizabeth ⟨*page 327*⟩ his wife had issue betweene them a Sonn named Peter (who is of late dead as they have heard) and An elder daughter named Ann now the wife of one William Roggers resident on her fathers' plantacion (as they have heard and doe beleeve) And for reasons of such their knowledge of ye said Elizabeth ye daughter the said deponents respectively doe depose and there as followeth first the said William Oately saith that he lived a neere neighboure to ye said John Sherman alias Martin and Elizabeth his wife in Lewins Mead in the parrish of St. Michaell's within this Cittie at ye time of the severall departures hence of the said John & Elizabeth from Bristol to ye Barbadoes & for severall yeeres aswell before such their departure as before the Birth of ye said Elizabeth the daughter & the said Isabell Dun saith yt she was very well acquainted with and a neere Neighboure vnto the said John Sh: alias Martyn & Elizabeth his wife and was at ye Birth of ye said Elizabeth ye Daughter and hath knowne her from her birth herevnto And the said Susanna Demster for her part saith that she did dwell in part of the house with the said John Sherman alias Martyn and Elizabeth his wife wherein they dwell whilst [ye *struck through*] they lived in Bristoll and yt much frienship and intimacy of Love and ⟨*page 328*⟩ Acquaintance betweene the said John and Elizabeth his wife and Richard Addis and Elizabeth his wife father and Mother of this deponent and this deponent Susanna further deposeth and saith that she did Cause a Nurse Keeper

to[1] attend ye said Elizabeth the mother during the time of her lying in Child bed with ye said Elizabeth ye daughter & further deposeth & saith yt ye said Elizabeth the Mother at the time of her going from Bristoll to ye Barbadoes did leave in trust with this deponent's Mother ye said Elizabeth the daughter being then an infant of aboute six yeeres of age and that this deponent's Mother for some time and this deponent herselfe other time (in all the space of three yeeres and [vpwards *struck through*] vpwards mainteined the said Elizabeth the daughter at their charge for love and pitty to the said Elizabeth and her parents All which etc. vnder the Seale etc.

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1654 March 25. Anthony Aylife, apprentice of John Lawford, grocer, concerning the loading of 36 baskets of raisins on "The Crowe" for John Harwood of Salop.

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These may signifie and make knowne etc that on this instant five and Twentieth day of March 1654 John Madox of the Cittie of Bristoll shipwright aged 36 yeeres or thereaboutes pilate of ye Ship Robert of Bristoll of the Burden of 90 Tons or there aboutes in hir last voiage to Bourdeaux in France and Thomas Baynham marriner in ye same ship ye same voiage and of the Age of Twenty eight yeeres or thereaboutes came etc. before me George Hellier Esqr. Now Maior of the said Cittie & did depose etc. that they the said deponents did set sayle in the said ship[2] vppon or aboute the 17 day of January last from this ⟨*page 330*⟩ port of Bristoll being bound for Bourdeaux aforesaid and laden with pilchers, herrings, lead, Butter, Calveskins and Stockins, and that aboute the Twenty fiveth day of the same Moneth of January aboute 90 Leagues southwest & bywest of the Island of Scilly by a ship of Flushing called the Dolphin they were set vppon and after three houres fight and two men being killed the said ship Robert with all ye goods tackling and apparrell of her was taken by the said ship of Flushing and carried as prize into the River of Nantz, All which etc. vnder the Seale etc.

Aldworth

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[1] "to" *inserted above the line.*

[2] "in the said ship" *inserted above the line.*

Bristoll

Peter Morineau

John Jackson

These may signifie etc that on this instant 25 day of March 1654 Peter Morrineau aged 35 yeeres or there abouts Master of the Ship called St. Peter of Olana in France and John Jackson of the Citty of Bristoll Merchant aged 42 yeeres or there aboutes came etc before me George Hellier Esqr. Maior [the *struck through*] of ye said Cittie and did depose etc and first ye said deponent Peter saith that ye said Ship came into the port of Bristoll in the month of March last & yt at ye time ⟨*page 331*⟩ of her coming into ye same port she had aboard her two hundred Ninety two Chests of Sugar. And they the said deponents Peter Marrineau and John Jackson doe alsoe depose yt after the said ship arrived in the said port of Bristoll yt is to say in the moneth of[1] then following the same ship and goods aboard her were seised vppon (being pretended to be forfeited) by the order of Elias Palmer surveior generall of the Customs since which time she being discharged of the said forfeiture there is wanting in the Quantity of the same Chests of Sugar the quantity of 4 Chests which have beene purloyned away besides there were 3 Chests of the same yt were landed being empty which have beene emptied by reason of Stormes yt they had in their voiage (as they beleeve All which etc vnder the Seale

Aldworth

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⟨*Pages 331 and 332.*⟩

1654 March 25. Terrelaugh Mack Sweeny and James Gerrard of Cork, concerning aletter of attorney which Richard Aldworth delivered to John Philpott.

1654 March 30. Samuell Norris, merchant, concerning the sum of £33. 12. 0 paid by him to Walter Sickes, by order of David Gitfield, for a parcel of fish.

⟨*Pages 333 and 334.*⟩

1654 April 1. Edward Creswick, hardwareman, and Richard Williamson, servant to George Hartwell, concerning a bond between Robert Fennell & Thomas Longman to which they were witnesses. Copy of the bond follows.

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⟨Pages 334–336.⟩

1654 *George Hartnell, Public Notary, concerning a bond between Edward Lassells and Thomas Harris, to which he was witness. Copy of bond follows.*

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1654 April 5. William Crabb, clothier, and William Combe, Public Notary, concerning a bond between John Pitt & Richard Crabb. Copy of bond follows.

⟨Pages 338 and 339⟩

1654 April 17. Edward Lugg, mariner, concerning a fire on board the "Tryall of Bristol," which was bound for the Island of Barbadoes with a cargo of linen belonging to Robert Tyson of Bristol. The ship and goods were entirely destroyed. Goods marked as in margin. Copy of Bill of Lading follows.

⟨Pages 339 and 340.⟩

1654 April. Further deposition on the same matter by John Hill, merchant.

⟨Pages 340 & 341.⟩

1654 April 17. Nicholas Lux, mariner, concerning the discharge of Frenchmen on the ship "Fortune of Bristol," which ship William Leigh on behalf of William Yeamans and John Bowen, purchased from Jan Gillings, a Flemish merchant, living in Rochelle, for 10,000 Livers Turnois.

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1654 April 19. Stephen Keech and Edward Bond, mariners, concerning the capture of their ship "Charity of Bristol" by Captain Smith and Captain Dillion, two pirates of Brest.

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1654 April 24. John Dymer, grocer, late apprentice of Joseph Lawrence, grocer, concerning money still due for goods sold to Esau Thomas of Bishops Castle, Salop.

⟨Pages 343 and 344.⟩

1654 April 24. Edmond Dittie, master of the "Mary Fortune" of Bristol, Stephen Taylor and Thomas Dennis, mariners, concerning 4 litres of salt taken from the ship the "Water Dogg" of Memblick, which had been taken prize by the "Mary Fortune."

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Thursday 23th March 1653
At ye Councell at Whitehall

Whereas by a Report from ye Commissioners of ye Admiralty to ye late councell of State bearing date ye 30th of November last it was for ye reasons therein mencioned submitted to ye Counsells consideration yt ye papers and goods of Captain William Balthazar which had to that time bin deteined from him [deteined *struck through*] might be restored wherevppon ye Councell of State did on ye 3 day of December last order his release & yt his papers should be delivered him. It is now ordered & declared on consideracion of ye said Report yt ye goods of ye said Captaine Balthazar by him peticioned for & in ye said Report mencioned shall be restored & delivered to him as well as his papers & those in whose hands ye same remaine are to deliver them accordingly.

Examined W. Jessop
Clerke of ye Councell

Before me Geo : Hellier Maior of ye said Cittie of Bristoll ye xxv th day of Aprill 1654

Captaine William Wheatley did then make oath taken on ye holy Evangelists of God yt ye order above written *⟨page 345⟩* Is a true Coppie of ye originall vnder ye hand of Mr Jessop one of ye Clarkes of ye Councell at Whitehall & yt it agreeth with ye record remaining with ye said Councell which he this deponent perused & examined All which etc vnder ye Seale etc

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⟨Pages 345 and 346.⟩

1654 April 26. William King, master of a barque "Margaret of Bristol," and John Lucas and Richard Johnson, mariners, concerning the discharge of a cargo of salt from the "Flower de Luce," of Bristol, whilst anchored at Wexford.

1654 April 29. Richard Orchard, Public Notary, concerning a bond between James Lymscott and James Wathen, whereof he was a witness.

⟨Pages 346 and 347.⟩

1654 April 29. Laurenzo Paganeno, captain of the "Madona Misericordia" of Venice, and Robert Searle and William Beale, mariners, of the same ship, concerning the discharging of cargo in Bristol because she was not seaworthy.

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Bristoll

Edward Lugg

Abraham Pley

Charles Williams

These may signifie and make knowne etc that on this instant sixth day of May in the yeere of our Lord God one thousand six hundred Fifty and Fower Edward Lugg of the Cittie of Bristoll Marriner aged 51 yeeres or there aboutes late Master of the Ship Triall of Bristoll Abraham [phy *struck through*] Pley of the same Cittie Merchant aged 27 or there aboutes and Charles Williams of the same Cittie Merchant aged 23 or there aboutes came etc before me George Hellier Esqr Maior of the said Cittie and did depose etc as followeth and first the said Edward Lugg and Abraham Pley did depose that vppon or aboute the moneth of october last a certaine Barque of the burden of 30 Tonnes or there aboutes consigned to William Jackson and John Jackson Merchants at Malago was taken by one or more Duchmen of warr and by them brought into Giblartar and *⟨page 348⟩* was there by the said Duchmen sold to a Spaniard and by him carried into Mallago And the said Charles Williams did depose that he the said deponent Charles Williams was at Mallago aforesaid at the time when the aforesaid Barque being called the speedwell of Biddeford was brought into Mallago as aforesaid one Johnson Morcombe being then Master of the said Barque All which etc. vnder Seale etc

Geo: Hellier Maior Aldworth

1654 May 6. Richard Hutton, Commander of the "Reformation of Bristol," concerning papers which he found on the "Black Eagle," a ship from Lubeck, which he had seized in the River Severn.

⟨Pages 348 and 349.⟩

1654 May 6. Francis Painter, merchant, concerning Spanish wool sold by William Paines to Anthony Druce.

⟨Pages 350 and 351.⟩

1654 May 17. Anthony Fishpill of St. George, and Edward Saunders of Ham Green, both mariners, concerning the capture of the "Samaritan of Bristol" by Brest men of war, and its recapture by the Frigate "Saphir".

⟨Pages 351 and 352.⟩

1654 May 27. John Knight and Robert Yeamans, merchants, concerning the "Robert of Bristol" (William Dale, merchant, owner of a third part). The said ship was captured by a Dutch man of war and taken to Nantes where the cargo was sold.

⟨Page 352.⟩

1654 May 31. Symon Hussy, merchant, John Hartwell, gentleman, Richard Williamson, Servant to George Hartwell, concerning a deed between William Hull and John Standfast, to which they were witnesses.

⟨Page 353.⟩

1654 June 8. Edward Ley, gentleman, concerning bills between Robert Charlton, merchant, and George Plomley, baker.

1654 June 6. Thomas Wickham, carpenter, concerning John Hooper, John Brookeman, and William Jones, who by order of the said deponent went to the Island of Nevis to work as carpenters for John Knight.

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1654 June 7. Matthew Wolfe, gentleman, and Robert Dennis, gentleman, concerning a covenant between James Bowle and Robert Bagnell to which the deponents were witnesses.

⟨Pages 354 and 355.⟩

1654 June 13. Phillip Turvell, merchant, of Funtell Gifford, Wilts., concerning a conversation between Peter James and Thomas Knapton.

Bristoll

Jonathan Blackwell

These may signifie etc that on this instant 13th day of June 1654 Jonathan Blackwell, of the said Cittie of Bristol, Vintner came etc before me Geo Hellier esqr Maior & did depose etc. that his brother Joseph Blackwell of London Hosier was to have to his

owne vse the one halfe of the Irish Lands by him & the said Joseph [subscribed *struck through*] subscribed for in anno [1640 *struck through*] 1642 & in order therevnto the said Joseph paid into the tresury appointed for that purpose in the Guildhall London of his owne proper money at one entire & the last payment the some of three hundred pounds sterling All which etc. vnder the Seale etc

Aldworth

Geo: Hellier Maior

⟨*Page 356*⟩

1654 June 17. John Knight, merchant, concerning one eighth part of the "Joseph of Bristol" which he bought from Richard Taylor, which ship was taken by a Dutch man of war.

ittie of ristoll

betweene david Crosbey Esqr. plaintiff
George Summers defendant

harles ughrue

homas ellard

rancis lichelburne

These are to certifie etc yt on this instant thirteenth day of June in the yeere 1654 Charles Sughrue [gent *struck through*] gent Thomas Gellard merchant and Francis Michelburne merchant all mencioned in the depositions annexed came etc. before me G Hellier Esqr Maior etc & did depose severally the said deposicion annexed whereto their severall names are subscribed All which etc. vnder seale etc

Aldworth

Geo. Hellier Maior

⟨*Page 357.*⟩

Charles Sughrue of Michellstowne neere Kinsaile in Ireland gent aged 40 yeeres thereaboutes Deposeth that he this deponent togeather with David Crosby Esqr were aboard the Swallow of Ilford Comb whereof George Summers was Master being in her voiage from Kinsaile to Bristoll [by *struck through*] was by a contrary wind put into Tinnby harbour where they heard of a Brest man of warr his being on Sunday or Munday before they put into that harbour that the last day of May being Wensday in the morning ye said George Summers told Mr. Michelburne merchant of the goods aboard his vessell & ye said David Crosbee in the deponents presence that the Cat Pinke Friggott was bound for Bristoll in the afternoone of the same day & that he would take that oppertunity of Convey to bring them safely to Bristoll

that this deponent was also present when the Captaine of the said Frigott appointed the said Summers to be in a redinesse to set saile with him and that he would convey his vessell as aforesaid which the said Sumers did promise and vndertake as well to the said Captaine as to the said Merchant and Mr Crosbee that aboute the time appointed the said Captaine went aboard the said Frigot and the said merchant Mr Crosbee this deponent and others of the passengers went to the said Sumers who caused them to goe aboard promiseing to come after imediately as soone as he could call for one of his men then ashore that the merchant aforesaid Mr Crosbye and all the passengers were aboard from aboute[1] Six of the Clocke in the afternoone till Nine in the night [calling *struck through*] during ⟨*page 358*⟩ Which time the Captaine of the frigott sent to vs to come away and shot a gunn in all which time the said Sumers did not come aboard soe as wee lost all that night and tide XXXX by[2] the said Somers his wilfull neglect and the next morning [and the next morning *struck through*] seting Saile were all taken by that Brest man of warr neere the Mumbley the first of this present moneth of June where the said Mr Crosbye particularly lost in English money about Ninee pounds which this deponent told at Kingsaile in the morning 27th of May last before they set forth which was made vp in a purse and the said Crosbyes Rapier and [watch *struck through*] watch which this deponent beleiveth to be worth 5 li sterling and that this deponent did deliver vnto the said Merchant Mr Michelburne the number of 18 peeces of Gold amounting in value to 17 li 18 s sterling as they were changed at Kinsaile for ready money which he had in keeping to the vse of the said Mr. Crosbee which gold the said merchant with five peeces of his owne did[3] hied in the hold of the Barque the said Sumers being present which five peeces were found after the said barque was released and the 18 peeces could not be found which Gold if found by the man of warr must be by the said Sumers his discovery none being aboard left yt knew[4] where it was hid but ye said Sumers or otherwise that it was taken vp by himselfe or some of his servants & soe concealed it which last opinion this deponent is induced to beleive in regaurd the said 5 peeces soe hid with it were [found *struck through*] soe readily found that did belong to the said merchant ⟨*page 359*⟩ And this

[1] "aboute" *inserted above the line.*
[2] "by" *inserted above the line.*
[3] "did" *inserted above the line.*
[4] "kew" *struck through and* "knew" *written above it.*

deponent further deposeth that he is fully satisfied that the said Sumers was the sole author of drawing all the Losse susteined in this barque on the merchant & passengers by his wilfull neglect of saileing [of sailing *struck through*] away with the said Frigott contrary to his faithfull promise and vndertaking to them at Tinnbey & this deponent further saith yt ye said Sumers his carriadge when he first saw the man of warr his vessell which this deponent makeing some doubt of to be a rogue & the said Sumers saying it was a Limouth vessell yt was drawing of Stones for the English shoare the time of the tide being not fitt for such vessells to set forth as it was afterwards said by the marriners at oyster mouth when this deponent & the rest were put ashore and the discovery of money belonging to the merchant made by the said Sumers to the Captaine of the man of Warr aftere we were put on shoare as this deponent was credibly told by one of the passengers reteined aboard the man of warr vntill the said Sumers his barque was by them rifled And the said Sumers his first telling vs that he gave a bond to pay xx li at next meeting to the Captaine for releasing his vessell and afterwards confessing vnto me at Bristoll yt the man of Warr did bistow his barque on him induce me to suspect that the said Sumers had [an *struck through*] a hand in makeing vs all subject to the losse wee then suffered This deponent further deposeth that he saw aboard the said barque 2 packes & 4 loose peeces of Frize[1] in the Cabbin of the said barque which I [beele *struck through*] beleeve were worth above xx li sterling

Aldworth
Cha : Sughrue

⟨Pages 360 and 361⟩

Further deposition by Francis Michelburne of London, merchant.

⟨Pages 361 and 362.⟩

Further depositions by Thomas Gerrard of Thurley in the County of Tipperary, Ireland, merchant, one of the passengers on board the "Swallow".

⟨Page 363.⟩

1654 June 24. Pearce Walsh of Glendon in the County of Northants., and John Shipwith, his servant, concerning stuff, buttons, tammy,[2] gloves and ribbons, delivered to John Tilton, a carrier, to be taken to Bristol.

[1] *i.e.* frieze. A coarse woollen cloth with nap on one side only.

[2] Fine worsted cloth.

⟨Page 364.⟩

1654 June 24. John Knight, merchant, concerning the purchase from Richard Taylor, of one eighth part of the "Joseph of Bristol" for £150, and the capture of the ship by Dutch Men of War on a voyage to Newfoundland.

Bristoll

Anne Diddall

Anne Grigg

Anne Wallis

Elizabeth Hamond

These are to certifie etc yt on this instant 28th day of June 1654 Anne Diddall of the parish of St. Nicholas in the Cittie of Bristoll widdow, Anne Grigg of the same parish widdow & Anne Wallis ye wife of Edward Wallis of the parrish of Redclift in the said Cittie and Elizabeth Hamond the wife of John *⟨page 365⟩* Hamond of the said parrish of Nicholas came all personally before me George Hellier Esqr. Maior of the said Cittie & did depose etc as followeth (to witt) yt aboute 9 yeeres since one John Potter with his wife liued in Bristoll in the house of her the said deponent Anne Diddall ye Cittie of Bristoll being then visited with ye pestilence at which time ye wife of ye said John Potter haveing received a kicke on the belly being with Child fell verry sicke & became distracted & after she had beene sicke aboute 3 weekes it appeared yt she was sicke of ye plague & yt she continued in yt distracted condicion before her recovery aboute 16 weekes & during ye time of her beinge sicke the neighboures weere [ferefull *struck through*] fearefull to goe to visitt her for feare of infeccion her said husband John Potter then profering to give any person 5s to watch with her but one night in ye height of her sicknes but could not procure any to doe it. And ye said Anne Diddall & Ann Grigg deposeth further yt ye wife of ye said Potter ye night following yt ye said John Potter did soe profer 5s as aforesaid was [deliv *struck through*] delivered of a Child by her selfe she then[1] haveing not gonne with Child aboue halfe her time as these deponents conceive and yt ye next day after they ye said deponents Ann Diddall and Anne Grigge did [adventure *struck through*] adventure to goe into the Chamber to her where they found her in a verry sad and distracted condicion lying on the bedd as though she had beene dead *⟨page 366⟩* with her hair loose and the Child then lying dead on the ground by her ye Child being not bruised onely it had a little scarr in the side of the brow but they ye said deponents know not whether it were with ye kicke ye mother received or otherwise ye wife of ye said Potter not knowing those yt came about her she not remembring

[1] "then" *inserted above the line.*

whether she had beene delivered of a Child or not till the said deponents tould her of it vppon her recovery which was aboute two moneths after All which etc vnder the seale etc.

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⟨Pages 366 and 367.⟩

1654 June 30. Roger Willoughby, pewterer, and Samson Bourne of Worcester, pewterer, concerning tin purchased from Edith Skinner of Exeter, of which a large part was dross metal.

Betweene Thomas Warren Thomas Andrews and
John Lanion paintiffs & Jasper Cranch defendant
The Nine & twentieth of June 1654.

William Dier of Plymouth in the County of Devon marriner aged 20 yeeres & Geo. Snellin of the same marriner aged 18 yeeres or thereaboutes deposed yt in the moneth of June 1652 one John How Comissary of the provisions for the State in Limbricke did there by vertue or pretext of an order of Collonel Henry Ingolsby then & yet Governor of Limbricke presse ye barque or vessell called ye John and Thomas of Plymouth whereof Jasper Cranch was *⟨page 368⟩* Master for Carrying of provisions to Galloway and when the said barque or vessell was at Galloway she was there alsoe pressed by the said John How by vertue of a warrant from Sir Charles [Coote Lord *struck through*] Coote Lord President of Comaught to Carry provisions from thence to Slego & so to returne backe againe to Galloway & from thence to London Derry where she received hurt being forced on shoare by storme where she was then sold by the said Jasper Cranch master & a quarter part owner thereof to Collonel Stubbes & others ye said Master being necessitated thereto for want of money to repaire her.

Sworne before Geo. Hellier Maior

1654 July 5. Richard Orchard, Public Notary, concerning a bond between Giles Limfoot and John Shuter, to which the deponent was a witness.

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1654 July 11. Roger Willoughby, pewterer, concerning tin which he bought from Thomas Long of Sherborne, brazier, a large quantity of which *was dross metal.*

⟨Pages 369 and 370.⟩

1654 July 13. William Wyat of Tenby, merchant, concerning logwood sold him free of duty by Thomas Barrett of Tenby.

[*Undated.*]

Copy of a bond between Edward Lawndy of Youghall, Ireland, and Thomas Deane, grocer.

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The Nineteenth of July 1654

A Certificate vnder the seale of Maioralty on behalfe of Mrs. Astley touching ye redelivery of a letter of Attorney.
Geo: Hellier Maior

Aldworth

The 21th of July

A Certificate for Mr. Thomas [Knight *struck through*] Wright merchant touching ye Coppies of Certaine papers produced by ye said Mr. [Knight *struck through*] Wright.
Geo: Hellier maior

Aldworth

⟨Pages 371 and 372.⟩

1654 July 21. Richard Hopkins, whittawer, Thomas Rogers and Nicholas Manwood, mariners, concerning the ship "Rub" alias "Waterdog of Membleck," which was taken as prize and found to be leaky: the cargo of salt having to be discharged.

1654 July 22. William Browning, mariner, (Master of "The Golden Lion" of Bristol), concerning dues paid on a cargo of corn, to be sold in Lisbon for salt and oil on behalf of Major Samuell Clarke and his brother Joseph.

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Cittie of Bristoll

In the Court of pleas held before the Maior & Aldermen of the said Cittie the 24th July 1654.

Betweene Farwell Meredith an infant
by his guardian plaintiff } in a plea of
Marlin Hiscox defendent } trespas & assault

John Lloyd of the parrish of Temple in ye said Cittie seaman deposeth yt ye defendant & the said deponent being vppon the

Barbadoes Island aboute three days before Christmas last ye said defendant called to this deponent and desired him to witnes an agreement betwixt him the said defendant & a planter of the same Island which this deponent did consent to and with the agreement was as followeth (to witt) the said defendant Hiscox put the plantife of to the same planter to serue him in a plantacion according to the Custome of the same Iland and was to receive from the said planter a quantity of Sugar but for how much ⟨*page 374*⟩ or for what terme of yeares the deponent doth not remember and the defendant was to receive the same Sugar within the space of one weeke then following and the deponent further saith that the said defendant did afterwards confesse that he was satisfied the same and the deponent further saith that the said plaintife Farwell afterwardes did weepe to this deponent & said he would not worke for he did not come thither to worke for he was a gentlemans sonn & if he had thought he should have beene sold he would never have come along with the said defendant Hiscox.

Geo: Hellier Maior

John Lloyde

⟨*Pages 374 and 375.*⟩

Undated. Thomas Phillips of Haverfordwest, bargeman, concerning four bags of wool which Thomas Colton of Haverfordwest, pewterer, asked the deponent to take to Hooke Key in Pembroke and put aboard the "George of Milford", (Master, Henry White), bound for Bristol.

Further deposition on the same matter by John Phillips, bargeman.

1654 July 25. Tristrom Dennis of Biddiford, blacksmith, concerning lease of a cellar at Biddeford to Edward Fleming of Braunton, and John Fleming of Westley.

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Bristoll

Joseph Bonifant

Richard Baugh

These may signifie and make knowne etc that on this instant six and twentieth day of July in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty and fower Joseph Bonifant of Bornestaple in the county of Devon mercer aged fifty and six yeares or thereaboutes and Richard Baugh of the Cittie of Bristoll Whitetawer aged forty yeares or thereaboutes came etc before me George Hellier Esqr. Maior of the said Cittie and did depose etc

that vppon Tewsday the eighteenth day of July instant the said deponents being in the house of Richard Harris of the same Towne Vintner during which time there came one John Smith who pretended he came with a warrant to bring the said Harris to London to answere his contempt for not appearing before the Committee for the regulateinge of Excise according to an order served on him vppon the last day of publique thanksgiving for the peace with the [Dutch *struck through*] Dutch wherevppon the said Harris demanded of him to see his warrant for his soe doing and he should be ready to yeald obedience to it but the said Smith shewed an order directed as we apprehended to one Berkinghead Serjeant at Armes requireing him the said Birkinhead or his lawfull deputie or deputies to bring him the said Harris as aforesaid but the said Smith did not shew any authority & whereby he was deputed and appointed deputie to the said Berkinhead therefore the said Harris did not goe with him wherevppon the said Smith said that he would goe Backe to London and fetch a sufficient warrant and soe he departed All which etc vnder ye Seale etc.

Aldworth

Geo Hellier Maior

⟨*Page* 377.⟩

Bristoll

Joseph Bonifant

John Palmer

These may signifie and make knowne etc that on this instant Six and twentieth day of July in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand six hundred Fifty and Fower Joseph Bonnifant of Barnestaple in the County of Devon mercer aged fifty six yeares or thereaboutes and John Palmer of the same merchant aged forty yeares or theraboutes came etc before me George Hellier Esqr. Maior of the said Cittie and did depose etc that they the said deponents togeather with Richard Harris (who are of the Comon Councell of the Towne of Barnestable) were going with the Maior of the said [1] Towne to Church vppon Tuesday the three and twentieth day of May last being a day of publique thanksgiving appointed by authority for the peace with the Dutch and beinge in the streete there neere vnto the Church doore one Vrias Smalecorne of the said Towne weaver came and served the said Richard Harris with an order from the Comittee for regulating the excise requireing the said Harris to appeare before the said Comittee sitting in Whitehall at a certaine time in the said order prefixed wherevppon the said Harris did then tell the said Vrias Smalecorne

[1] "said" *inserted above the line.*

that he were best to consider of the time and the day on which he served him with the said order and soe went directly with the Maior and Councell to the Church without speakeing further to the said Vrias All which etc vnder the Seale etc

Aldworth

Geo: Hellier Maior

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1654 July 26. Richard Harris of the Island of Barbadoes, planter, concerning Richard Wathen, son of James Wathen of Bristol, shoemaker, his servant, who died and was buried on the Island.

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A Court holden the 26th day of July 1654

Robert Keylway
John Amherst
Nathan Wright
Thomas Chambrelan
Peter Middleton
James Launce

Cann by Mr Vincent moved for the signing of his decree against James Bulteel for a losse in the Sarah. It being alleadged by the assurers Councell that the said Cann had received satisfaccion for this adventure therein It is ordered that the said Cann shall make oath before some magistrate in the Cittie of Bristoll whether he or any to his vse directly or indirectly hath received any satisfaccion for the same, yea, or nay, vppon which said oath to be produced in Court they will proceed and signe the said decree if they see cause without further delay.

Examined per John Chase

Declaration by Robert Cann that he has not received the money, follows.

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1654 July 31. John Schott, merchant, and Nicholas Jansen, mariner (Master of the "Hope of Middleborough"), both of Middleborough, Holland, concerning the origin of a cargo of flax and madders[1] landed at Bristol.

[1] Plants formerly grown as the source of a red dye.

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Deposicions of witnesses taken & Examined at the Citty of Bristoll in England the second day of August *1654* on the part & behalfe of Elizabeth Viscountesse of Mayo before vs George Hellier Maior of the said Cittie and Richard Aldworth of the same Cittie Alderman by vertue of a Comission vnto vs and Joseph Jackson Gabriell Sherman William Cann & Richard Vickris Aldermen of the said Cittie or any two or more of them directed from the Comission of the Comonwealth of England for the affaires of Ireland.

John Pitt of the Cittie of Bristoll, gent aged 44 yeares or there aboutes being duly sworne and Examined :

1. To the first Interrogation he saith yt he knoweth the said Elizabeth Viscountesse of Mayo and did know her husband Miles Viscount Mayo deceased in the Interrogation mencioned and have knowne then these 23 yeeres and vpwards.
2. To the second Interrogation he saith that he hath credibly heard & verily beleiveth to be true that the said Viscountess did bring with her vnto ye said Viscount vppon her marriage with him aboute 4 or 5,000 li in mony plate, jewells household stufe & otherwise :
3. To the Third Interrogation he saith yt he hath credibly heard & verrily beleiveth it to be true that in or aboute the yeare 1631 in ye Interrogation mencioned vppon agreement of ye aforesaid marriage to be had betweene the said Viscount Mayo & the said Elizabeth the said Viscount did become bound vnto Sir Thos Freake and Sir William Pitt Knights in the Interrogation mencioned in such a somme of mony & vppon such condicion as in ye said Interrogation is likewise mencioned & set forth And the Deponents further saith yt he knoweth it to be true yt ye said Viscount Mayo in or aboute ye yeare 1632 Did by Deed [by *struck through*] of conveyance in due forme of Law [exec *struck through*] executed graunt & convey sundry Quarters of land in ye County of Mayo in Ireland whereof Castle Burke in ye Schedule to the Interrogation annexed mencioned & the land therevnto belonging ⟨*page 382*⟩ was part vnto Sir John King and Sir William Rives Knights in ye Interrogation mencioned & their heires as Feoffees in trust for ye said Elizabeth to be her Joynture during her naturall life but doth not well remember any the particulars of ye said Landes saving onely Castle Burke as aforesaid And further saith yt he was present at ye signing sealing and

delivery of the said deed of Conveyance to the vse aforesaid & did subscribe his name as a witnesse therevnto and doth verry well remember that one Mr Thomas Benbow was likewise present at ye sealing & delivery of the said Deed but what other person was then present & a witnes he remembreth not And the Deponent further saith & verrily beleiveth yt ye landes soe conveid for the Jointure[1] of ye said Viscountesse was worth in ye time of peace before ye Rebellion in Ireland vpwards of 300 li per annum his cause of knowledge is for that he this deponent did in the yeare 1632 & long before and after live with the ye aforesaid Sir William Reeves then Attorney generall for Ireland as a [Clerke *struck through*] Clerke vnto & in office vnder ye said Sir William & that he this Deponent did by direccions of ye said Sir William draw the said deed of conveiance and after pervsall and amendment thereof Ingrossed the same saw the same perfected in the then house of the said Sir William Reeves in Dublin heere vnto Copper Alley and was a witnes therevnto togeather with the aforesaid Mr. Benbow & others as before he hath deposed And further to this Interrogacion he cannot depose

4. To the fowerth Interrogacion he saith yt he verrily beleiveth to ye best of his remembrance yt there were at ye least 40 Quarters of Land conveied as aforesaid in [Jointa *struck through*] to ye said Viscountesse But ye particulars he cannot [precisely *struck through*] precisely sett downe or remember other then what he hath to the former Interrogacion And further he cannot depose :

John Pitt

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1654 August 1. John Gotley, alias Dowle, High Constable of the Hundred of Barton Regis, concerning the appointment of Edward Richards and George Packer as sub-collectors of the money raised in the parish of Stapleton, for the maintenance of the Army.

1654 August 7. Elizabeth Large, wife of Christopher Large, gentleman, concerning a fine due to be paid by her father, Robert Jones, on land near Bridgewater, in the Manor of Hampe[2] which money was to be paid to Mr. Henry Pirry.

[1] " Jointure " *struck through and rewritten above the line.*

[2] Manor of Hampe was purchased by the Corporation of Bristol from the Crown in 1541 and sold again 1694–98.

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Further deposition by Christopher Large, concerning entry in bargain book shewn him by Mr. Chetwind,[1] *late Chamberlain.*

Further deposition by William Jones, concerning questions asked him by Mr. Dier, late Town Clerk, and Mr. Chetwind, late Chamberlain, concerning the lease.

Further deposition by Henry Pirry, on the same matter.

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1654 August 8. Henry Winter of Pucklechurch, yeoman, and Richard Orchard, Public Notary, concerning a bond between John Pitts, clothier, and Richard Young, clothier.

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1654 August 8. Edward Abbot, tobacco pipe maker, and Jane Greene, concerning the settlement of lands near Waterford, Ireland by Andrew Lyn, on Margaret Sly, widow of Captain John Sly, upon her marriage to his son, John Lyn, vintner.

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Further deposition on the same matter by Mary Wright, wife of Thomas Wright, merchant.

Bristoll

Stephen Keech

John Cherry

Henry Browne

These may signifie and make knowne etc yt on this instant 9th day of August 1654 Stephen Keech ye younger of ye Cittie of Bristoll marriner aged 29 yeares or there aboutes[2] John Cherry of the same Cittie Marriner aged 30 yeares or thereaboutes and Henry Browne of the aforesaid Cittie servant vnto John [Powen *struck through*] Bowen of the same Cittie merchant aged 19 yeares or thereaboutes & came etc & did depose etc in manner & forme following (yt is to say) ye said Stephen Keech doth depose & say yt he was Master of the ship Charity of Bristoll at ye last departure from Bristoll bound on a voiage for Rachell[3] in France And saith yt he doth well know Wm Yeamans and ⟨*page 388*⟩ John Bowen of the said Cittie of Bristoll merchante And doth knowe that they had laden on board ye said ship for their Accompts for the said voiage Butter, Lead, Sugar and Coales and some other merchantdizes which with their part of the said

[1] For biographical notes, see Appendix, p. 203.

[2] "or there aboutes" *inserted above the line.*

[3] *i.e.* Rochelle.

ship did amount to the value of one Thousand pounds or thereaboutes And further deposeth and saith yt ye said ship with her lading was in ye said voiage in her Course towardes Rachell taken and surprized by Captaine James Smith Captaine of ye Little Michaell Friggott & Captain Richard Dillon Captain of ye Amity Frygot ye 21 day of March last and carried into Brest two or three & twenty Leagues or thereaboutes North East and by East of the East of penmarkes And saith alsoe yt ye goods & mer chandizes & ship by meanes of ye said surprizall was totally lost [by *struck through*] to the owners and Merchants without any satisfacion at all given to them for the same as this deponent doth know, believe or ever hath heard :

Further depositions by John Cherry and Henry Browne, on the same matter.

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The 26 June 1654

Bristoll James Vawer

James Vawer of the Cittie of Bristoll marriner aged 56 yeares or there aboutes deposeth that he was imployed as a marriner in ye ship Charles of Bristol in her last voiage to and from Barbadoes & yt Michael Wathen who was inployed in ye ship aforesaid likewise brought a drum with him from Bristoll for his owne Accompt & in ye Island of Barbadoes did proferr ye same for Sale & was proferred for ye same by 2 c 13 persons 200 weight of good Muscavado sugar & ye said Michael Wathen *⟨page 390⟩* did agree to sell the same for ye rate of two hundred weight of Sugar to one West Phailim who gave vnto him the said Wathen a Quart of wine in earnest & this deponent further saith that George Webb Master of the said ship gave comand yt ye said Drum should not be put on shore but should be kept for ye vse of ye ship which Drum was kept accordingly soe yt ye said Wathen could not have ye Sugar he agreed for to have the said Drum & ye said James Vawer further deposeth yt when they were at Sea ye said Webb did buy ye said Wathen halfe a pound of Thred and promised him satisfaccion for it And yt ye said George Webb Master did promise ye said Wathen to have[1] Cookes wages for 2 moneths at a[2] moneth whilst they were in ye said voiage And ye said deponent Vawer further saith yt he

[1] " to have " *inserted above the line.*

[2] " per " *struck through and* " a " *written above it.*

ye said deponent did heare Andrew Ball one of ye Serjeants at mace within ye Cittie confesse & acknowledge some time since their arrivall at Bristoll that he did arrest ye said Webb by a warrant issuing out of ye [Court *struck through*] Court held before the Maior & Aldermen of Bristoll at ye suite of the said Wathen

Aldworth

Geo Hellier Maior

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1654 August 8. Bridget Winter, wife of Henry Winter, of Pucklechurch, yeoman, concerning a bond between John Pitts and Richard Young, clothiers, to which bond this deponent was a witness.

⟨Pages 391 and 392.⟩

1654 August 12. George Hartnell, Public Notary, concerning his inability through infirmity to attend the Wells Assizes on behalf of Samuel Wilmot defendant against Emanuell Ford. He deposes that he witnessed the signing and sealing of the Will of Andrew Whittington of Clifton, Glos. Other witnesses were Robert Durry, Thomas Hall and Reece Hall.

The 14th of August 1654

Bristoll

Betweene Farwell Meredith plaintiff } trespas &
Marlin Hiscox defendant } assault

Francis Buckland of the Cittie of Bristoll marriner aged 40 yeares or there aboutes, Thomas Lewellin of the same Cittie Marriner aged 24 yeares or there aboutes Peter Dier of ye same Cittie marriner aged 45 yeares or thereaboutes John Weaver ⟨*page 393*⟩ of the same marriner aged 24 yeares or thereabouts John Charles of ye same marriner aged 24 yeeres and Emanuel Averhill of the same marriner aged 18 yeares or thereaboutes came and did depose that vppon or aboute the 14th day of October 1653 in the evening after Sun seting of the same day [a Young *struck through*] a Young man as they conceive aboute the age of 18 yeares came into ye Woze[2] or mudd on the Hollow Backe on the pill side in Kingroade and desired these deponents to take him aboard the

[1] "or thereabouts John Charles of ye same marriner aged 24 yeares" *inserted above the line.*

[2] *i.e.* Ooze.

boate in which they were but these deponents bid him goe on shoare and refused to receive him into their Boate wherevppon the said Young man pressed to be taken into their Boate therevppon the Tide coming in these deponents fearing least he would be drowned did take him into their Boate being then vp to his knees in Mudd and soe put him on board ye ship named ye Dolphin then bound and ready to set sayle for Barbadoes these deponents being marriners of the same ship. The said John Charles and Thomas Lewellin deposed that on the morrow morning following the merchant of ye ship and ye defendant Hiscox did demand of ye said young man whether he would goe on shore or not & he said he would leape overboard rather than goe on shore & yt he would goe to ye Barbadoes where he said he had a Brother vppon which he entred himselfe in ye Merchants booke by ye name of John Chetwind and said he came from Gloucester but when he was at Sea he said his name was Thomas Meredith ; When they came to ye Barbadoes ye said defendant and John Blenman did put of the said young man to a Planter in ye Iland but these deponents say they know not what ⟨*page 394*⟩ The defendant and the said Blenman had for the same and that these deponents had noe part of the comodity that was received for the same by the defendant

Aldworth

Geo. Hellier Maior

1654 August 18. Richard Orchard, Public Notary, concerning a bond between Robert Glass, merchant, and Jasper Cartwright, merchant.

The nineteenth day of August 1654

Cittie of Bristoll

Between William Trustee plaintiff
Lawrence Joiner defendant } in [a plea of *struck through*] trespas on ye case

Phillip Cooke

Robert Culme

Phillip Cooke of ye Cittie of Bristoll marriner aged sixtie eight yeeres or thereaboutes and Robert Culme Junior of ye same Cittie merchant aged twenty six yeeres or thereabouts came personallie before me & deposed and made voluntary oath that they have knowne that within the space of seven yeares next before the six and twentieth day of May last past a drum hath beene vsually beaten at a place called Spikes bay in the Iland of Barbadoes in the West Indies for the warning ⟨*page 395*⟩ and giving

notice vnto the Inhabitants of that place to come to Church or such place where ye people there vse to meete to heare sermons and performe other divine service, & ye said deponents say that they have heard that a drum hath beene beaten for the same purpose for many yeares last past.

Phillip Cooke
George Hellier Maior Robert Culme
1654

A true Copie
Exd. by me
P. W. Dorney

1654 August 19. Lattimer Sampson, concerning the sealing of a deed by John Miller.

Further deposition by Edward Ditty

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Bristoll
John Locke
Clans Janson
John Schot
John Veane
Jurian Rias
John Longbres
Rier Hughes
Henricke Smith
Robert Pope

These may signifie etc yt on this instant 21th of August 1654 John Locke of ye Cittie of Bristoll merchant aged 7 [sic] yeares or thereaboutes Clans Jansen skipper John Schot Merchant John Veane Steerman Jurian Rias botesman John Longbres Rier Hughes and Henricke Smitt belonging to ye Ship Hope of Middleberow & Robert Pope one of ye pilats appointed by ye Maior & Aldermen of ye Cittie of Bristoll for ye bringing in of Ships out of Kingrode into ye harbor of Bristoll & for the bringing of them out from Bristoll aforesaid into Kingrode aforesaid came before me George Hellier Esqr Maior etc and did depose etc as followeth (to witt) ye said John Locke deposed that Nicholas Clement of Middleberow merchant on or aboute the 1 day of May 1654 laden aboard a Vessell called ye hope of Middleberow some flax hempe and Mader afterwards sent her for Fraunce and ordered his factor there to lade some fardells of Linnen cloth & a sixteene hogshets of Hony on the said Vessell he being afterwards informed yt noe goods of a Forreigne grouth might be brought for England in any Dutch ship or vessell he presantly writt a letter to him ye said deponent to this effect yt as soone as ye said vessell should come to Kingrode or before if it might bee to stop ye said vessell that she should not come into ye Harbour of Bristoll but presently to returne backe for Rusco in Fraunce there to dischardge those Linens & hony which was laden in Fraunce & then to returne with ye flax, hempe & Mader ⟨*page 397*⟩ for Bristoll & to ye same

effect sent a letter to a servant of his which came on the said vessell on receipt of which letter ye said deponent did write to Peter Dee who hath beene appointed to be a warner to bring newes when any ship came into Kingrode, that as soon as ye said vessell came he should tell ye Skipper that he must not come in with his vessell into ye harbour, but must presently goe away againe & so much was told the pilats, and both Warner & pilate made Thomas Gill an officer belonging to ye Custome house acquainted of it, and that ye said vessell must not breake bulke, neyther did it. Notwithstanding ye said Thomas Gill himselfe tooke boats with about 18 men of which ye pilate Robert Pope whome he compelled to goe was one & went aboard ye said Vessell and brought her by force into ye harbour although ye Skipper told him he was to goe away againe & not to come into ye harbor nor breake Bulke at all.

And ye said Clans Janson, John Schot, John Veane, Jurian Rias, John Longbres, Rier Hughes and Henricke Smitt doe all depose yt ye flax hempe & mader was laden by Nicholas Clement of Middleberow merchant at Middleberow on ye hope of Middleberow & yt ye flax hempe, & mader is of ye grouth of ye said cuntry & yt ye Skipper & merchant had order to goe away againe as sone as ye said Vessell came into ye Kingrode & before if yt ye order could be conveied aboard to ye skipper & yt when ye said Tho Gill ye officer came aboard ye aforesaid Vessell in Kingrode ye said skipper told ye said Tho Gill he was to [goe *struck through*] goe away againe presently with ye said Vessell ⟨*page 398*⟩ for Rusco in Fraunce & not to breake Bulke neyther did it Nothwithstanding ye said Tho: Gill brought in ye vessell by force into ye harbour & ye skipper demanded to see his order but he would not shew it but brought Liters to take out ye goods & would force ye men of ye ship to hoyse out ye goods which they refused wherevppon he offered to beate them & to have had ye company of ye said vessell to goe out of her & said ye vessell & goods were all his owne soe by force tooke out ye goods & tooke away the sailes & brought all vp to Bristoll

Robert Pope deposeth yt on ye 9th or 10th of June 1654 he had order from John Locke of ye said Cittie of Bristoll merchant not to bring in ye hope of Middleberow [in ye *struck through*] into ye habor she then rideing in Kingrode & yt ye said Thomas Gill sent to ye aforesaid deponent being pilot to Sherhampton by 2 severall massages to come to him to Crocrampill & when ye said pilot came to him he told him he must goe into Kingrode with

him ye said Thomas Gill & fetch in ye aforesaid Hope of Middleberow out of Kingrode then ye said deponent told ye aforesaid Thomas Gill yt he had order from ye aforesaid John Locke not to bring in ye said vessell ye Hope [of Middleberow *struck through*] out of Kingrode & for yt she was to goe presently away againe Notwithstanding ye said Thomas Gill compelled ye said pilot to goe with him to fetch in ye said vessell by force contrary to ye Skippers will where he would or not although she had not broke Bulke ye said Thomas Gill brought with him 2 boates with nine men in each boate & brought in ye vessell by force All which

Aldworth

Geo Hellier Maior

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1654 August 23. Ann French, widow of Edward French, of Parshore, Worcestershire, concerning goods taken by her late husband aboard the ship "Virginia", bound for Virginia.

Cittie of Bristoll
Francis Devouchell
John Hammond
Daniel Leconte

These may signifie that etc. on this instant 24th day of August 1654 Francis Devonchell, John Hamond & Daniel Leconte frenchmen came etc. and did depose and make voluntary oath severall and apart as in the paper annexed is conteined wherevnto each one put his hand All which etc

Aldworth

Geo Hellier Maior

Bristoll

The Examinacion of Francis Devouchell Master of the ship Peace of Haverde Grace in Frannce Burden 150 Tons or thereaboutes taken the 24th of August 1654

We deposeth and saith that in the moneth of February last past he went with the said ship and Company to the Banke of Newfoundland to fishing where he staid vntill the 18th day of July last or thereaboutes in which time they tooke aboute thirty fower thousand ⟨*page 400*⟩ of fish and returning homewardes were mett by the Essex and severall other frigots in Company with her aboute two hundred and fifty Leagues of the Lands end of England and were surprized by them and sent into the port of Bristoll And further saith that the aforesaid ship and goods doe belong to Mr Jonas Eustace and company Merchants and Inhabitants of Haverde Grace he further saith that he had aboard the said

ship when taken two Tons a halfe of Trayne which the Captaines of the said Frigots tooke out and carried aboard their Frigots

Geo: Hellier Maior

Devauchel

Further deposition on the same matter by John Hammond, Master of the "Bonadventure of Haverde Grace" in France.

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Further deposition on the same matter by Daniel Leconte, Master of the "Hope of Haverde Grace" in France.

Bristoll

Nicholas Hollwey

These are to certifie etc. that on this instant 26th day of August 1654 Nicholas Hollwey of the Cittie of Bristoll merchant came etc and did depose and make oath that the first election being passed for Mr Robert Aldworth[1] to serve in Parliament as a Burgesse for this Cittie and when the Sherrifes were taking ye pole betweene Mr Alderman Miles Jackson & Mr Haggat[2] for ye second Burgesse captaine Geo. Bishop: came vp in ye Hall with soulders armed & protested against ye proceedings of ye Sherrifes in ye said eleccion. All which:

nil

Geo: Hellier Maior

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Bristoll

Charles Jones

Tho: Ricroft

Robert Massinger

These may signifie etc that on this instant 26th day of August 1654 ye severrall persons herevnder named Inhabitants within this Cittie came all personally etc & did depose etc that they never put their hands to any peticion presented to his highes ye Lord Protector against ye eleccion of ye Burgesses to serve in Parliament for this or ever gave leave or consent yt any one else should subscribe ye same but are wholy ignorant thereof as donne without their respective knowledges. All which:

nil

Geo: Hellier Maior

Charles Jones
Tho: Ricroft
Robert Massinger

Further deposition on the same matter by Robert Massinger and James North

[1] For biographical notes, see Appendix, p. 201.

[2] John Haggett, Colonel of the city militia. See Latimer, *Annals of Bristol in the seventeenth century*, p.250.

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Bristoll

nil

Matthew Wolfe

These may signifie etc yt on this instant 26th August 1654 Matthew Wolfe of ye Cittie of Bristoll gent came etc & did depose etc that at the time of the eleccion of the members to serve in parliament for this Cittie by the appointment of the Sherrifs and with Mr Haggats approbacion he tooke ye names of all such persons as gave their vote for ye said Mr Haggart vppon ye pole All which names are written with this deponents owne hand in ye papers herevnto annexed [All *struck through*] In testimony etc

Matthew Wolfe

Geo: Hellier Maior

Josias Wilcox
Dan: Westfield
Tho: Prigg
Robert Purnell
Sam: Morris
Geo: Britton
Rich: Powell
Jos: Phelps
Jesper Teague
Israell Bird
Theophilus Nuton
Hen: Hosier
John Crumpe
Fr: Dimer
Rich: Allen
Wm Warren
John Dowell
Symon Hurle
Wm Ford
Wm Taylor
Joseph Owen
John Suter
James Wathen
Wm Bird
Thos: Yeamans
Jer: Matthews
Nich: Jordan
John Saunders
Edw: Browne

John Stone
James North
Edw: Olliver
John Paine
Wm Bullocke
John Roch
Hen: Roe
Step: Turner
Wm Yeamans
Charles Jones
John Tomlinson
Thos: Ellis
Robt: Winston
Robt Webb
Arth: Cocke
Tho: Bishop
Hen: Dason
Edw: Pyott
John Drayton
Tho: Haynes
Rich: Yorke
Dan: Clapton
James Freeman
James Cole
Robt Fry
John Dimer
Wm Jayne
Nath: Packer
David Haynes

Wm Cooke
James Chappell
Joseph: Moore
Sam: Midlake
Philip Watkins
Robt Langford
Chris: Cary
Gab: Deane
Edm: Smethwicke
Robt. Fowles
Simon Taylor
Grace Barnard
Rich: Baker
Wm Davis
Wm Crabb
Osman Warrin
John Vawer
Rich: Holland
John Ford
Peter Clement
John Robinson
Sam: Clarke
John: Brocke
Sam: Clement

Tho: Parker	Wm Baugh
Wm Hardwicke	Rich: Nethway
James Deane	Ben: Mosely
Nath: Day	Tho: Kill

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Bristoll

Phillip Dorney

These may signified etc that on this 26th August 1654 Phillip Dorney of ye Cittie of Bristoll gent came etc & did depose etc that he being desired by one of the Sherrifes of ye said Cittie to be present at ye Guild Hall within ye same Cittie at ye time appointed for eleccion of Burgesses to serve in parliament (to witt) Wensday ye 12th July last was present at ye takeing of ye pole & being desired did take ye names of ye Burgesses yt gave their voices for Miles Jackson & Robert Aldworth Esqrs to sitt in Parliament & yt ye names he then tooke are conteined in ye papers annexed & yt ye said persons did all of them give their votes for ye said Mr Jackson & Mr Aldworth according as in ye same papers is expressed & further deposed yt at ye time of ye takeing ye pole betweene ye said Mr Aldworth & Mr Haggat ye said Mr Haggat & others were present to take exceptions against those persons yt should be thought unqualified to give their votes & ye said deponent doth not remember any particular person yt was excepted against whose names in conteined in ye said papers but is induced to beleive ye contrary In testimony etc

nil

Ph: Dorney

Geo: Hellier Maior

Wm Gibbes	Tho: Harris	Rich: Hart
Mr Brathwaite	Mr Thomas	Abell Kelly
Mr Tyson	[Tho: Welles *struck through*]	Robt Chaloner
Nath: Deane		Abr: Birkin
Wm Vaughan	Tho: Wallis	Chri: Alford
Hum: Little	Tho: Weare	Hen: Cowlishay
Tho: Turner	Mr Haynes	Mr Tho: Amory Junior
Mr Blackwell	Mr Edw: Morgan	Tho: Hancocke
Nath: King	Tho: Harris	Tho: Dier
John Purdue	Robt Reade	
Law Swetnann	Geo: Coulishay	

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John Reade
Edw: Perrin
Hen: Merret
Tho: Provis
Walter Paine
Robt Defele
Wm Baugh
Tho: Wall
John House
John Moore
Tho: Puxton
Rich: Crump
Tho: Day
Gab: Steart
Wm. Meredith
Rich: Newman
Wm Lane
Roger Long
Robert Willet
Tob: Masey
John Gardener
Tho: Tippet
James Tither
Wm Saul
Hen: Gough
Jo: Berkin
Tho: Cary
Isaac Dennis
Tho: Workman
Nich: Hallwey
Ja: Browne
John Clarke
Wm: Weaver
Tho: Wells
Edw: Langley
Geo: Ford
Alex: Perkins
Josua Leggat
Tho: Bishop
Robt: Shoare
John Watts

And: Hooke
Robt: Young
Rog Willouby
Tho: Farmer
Chr: Tovy
Leon: Hancocke
Tho: Suter
Hum: Griffith
Mr Arth: Farmer
Geo: Parfit
Geo: Witherly
Edw: Duddleston
Tho: Bradford
Tho: Phillips
Tho: Jackson
J Vawer
Geo: Hellier
Lawr: Bricker
Percevall Pary
Alex: Jackson
Symon Hussy
John Hawkins
John Pearce
John Aldworth
Dirricke Poply
John Jackson
Rich: Long
Rich: Hale
Tho: Edwards
James Attwood
Tho: Bevan
Geo: Atwood
Edward Hume
Chr: Brimsden
Fran: Grinfield
Robt. Higgings
John Oxford
Rich: Crabb

Tho: Brian
Rich: Cause
Pet: Miggleworth
Wm Butts
John Hawkins
Ral: Farmer
Neh: Collins
Jer: Hollwey
Jam: Phelps
Lawr. Joyner
Robt: Jones
John Stibbins
Mich: Puxton
Mr John Bowen
Mr John Lawford
Mr Maior
Ald: Knight
Ald: Vickris
Mr Hart
Mr Sandy
Mr. Robt: Chaloner
Mr. Robt Vickris
Mr John Harper
Mr Chr: Griffith
Mr Hen: Appleton
Mr Totnell
Mr Tho: Chaloner
Mr John Willoughby
Mr Wm Chaloner
Robt Hawksworth
Rich: Bubb
Capt John Burges
Tho: Wasberow
Tho: Fisher
Fran: Gleed
Tho: Deane
Rich: Baugh
Wm Martin

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Henry Rich	Rich: Finch	Rich: Boxwell
Mr Robt Yate	Addam Holland	Tho: Millard
Mr Pet James	Edw: Price	Dr Jer: Martin
Mr Geo: Salter	John Bayley	Mr Giles Gough
Mr Wm Mirricke	Lodow: Poole	Nich: Case
Mr Fran: Yeamans	Moses Longman	Mr John Baker
Mr Fran: Milner	Sam: Welsteed	Mr Jam: Neason
Mr Chr: Giles	Tho: Barwicke	John Jones
Mr Rich: Godwin	John Wilcox	John Bumsteed
John Hunt	Israell Lane	Tho: Northerne
Mr Mat: Hazard	Tim: Parkes	Hen: Worgan
Mr Walter Stephens	Nich: Tily	
Mr Rich: Ash	John Heaven	
Geo: Partridge		

Bristoll
Nil

John Spur came ye 28th of August 1654 before George Hellier Esq Maior of ye said Cittie of Bristoll & did depose and make voluntary oath yt he is noe freeman of ye said Cittie And any Articles against Mr Alderman Miles Jackson he is ignorant of.

John Spoore George Hellier Maior

1654 August 28. John Brocke, joiner, Owen Clincke, waterman, John Crumpe, soapboiler, James Wathen, pinner, James Ford, tanner, and Jonas Neason, cooper, concerning the signing of a petition to the Lord Protector.

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1654 August 28. Further depositions by John Shuter, milliner, and Thomas Turner, baker, on the same matter.

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1654 August 30. Thomas Hancock, soapboiler, concerning the non-delivery of a bond made between Ignatius Pepper, of Ireland, and Nicholas French, merchant, of Bristol.

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Civitas Bristoll
Richard Locke

To all Christian people whome these presents may concerne I George Hellier now Maior of the Cittie of Bristoll send greetings know ye that on ye day of ye date hereof there came personally before mee in ye Comon place of Audience called ye Tolzey of

Bristoll Richard Locke of ye Cittie of Bristoll merchant aged 44 yeares or thereaboute & did depose & say vppon his Corporall Oath voluntary taken vppon ye Holy Evangelists of God yt in ye yeare of our Lord God 1642 vppon ye 19th day of November of ye said yeare he ye said Richard Locke did by his factor Wm Symons of ye Cittie of Bristoll marriner their master of ye Ship John of Minsterworth in ye Forrest of Deane within ye County of Glos in the port of Corke in Ireland did then and there by ye comand of ye Lord Inchequine who was then in ye service of ye parliament sell and deliver vnto John Hodder Esqr Comissarie of ye victuall for ye fixt magazin at Corcke threescore & 1500 & 500 of dry Newfoundland fish at ye rate of 7 li per 1000 being then worth as much in price in ye Cittie of Bristoll amounting to ye whole somme of 528 li 10 s sterling & did then in Corcke aforesaid receive ye Lord Inchequines letters addressed to the right Honorable the Lords & others his majesties Commissioners in England appointed for ye affaires of Ireland desireing speedy payment might be made vnto him ye said Richard Locke or his assignes for ye said Fish delivered as aforesaid which said Lords Comissioners receiving ye said letters & approveing there vppon there was an ordinance made by ye Lords and Comons in parliament bearing date ye 19th day of December 1642 following & examined by John Browne Clerr' parliamente ordering and comanding yt ye receivers of ye adventurers ⟨*page 410*⟩ mony for Ireland should pay vnto Mr Nicholas Loftus Deputie Treasurer at Warre for yt Kingdome or his assigns or agents here in England ye said some of 548 li & 10 s vppon ye 6th day of January 1642 next ensuing ye date thereof to be paid over vnto ye said Richard Locke in full dischardg of ye fish soe delivered for ye Army aforesaid After which ordinance aforesaid ye said Richard Locke did imploy severall Friends in London for ye recovery of ye said mony soe due and ordered to be paid as aforesaid but notwithstanding his friends have vsed their best endeavoures for payment thereof he ye said Richard Locke neither any of them for him have hitherto received any part of the moneys due by vertue of ye said ordinance & yt ye said debt of 548 li & 10 s yet owing is a most just & true debt & yt ye said Richard Locke hath demeaned himselfe duringe ye continuance of these comotions faithfully to ye Comonwealth as alsoe active in Bearing Armes during the time ye Cittie of Bristoll was governed by Coll. Nathaniell Fines being a Captain Levitenant vnder Coll: Charleton one of ye Aldermen of ye Cittie of Bristoll since deceased wheare he served spontaniously to his great Chardge & expence

Alsoe yt he ye said deponent Richard Locke hath to his great coste and chardge vppon severrall Comandes of ye Honourable Governer Fines sett forth his shiping into ye port of Kingroade during ye time yt prince Rupert laie before ye Cittie of Bristoll for ye guard & safety of ye port for which service he never received any satisfaccion Likewise ye said deponent saith that ⟨*page 411*⟩ the Lord Inchiquin in ye month of February 1644 & in ye port of Kinsaile did deteine keepe & convert to his & ye parliaments use ye ship Reformacion of Bristoll burden 200 tons with xxij Guns worth ten thousand pounds sterling at ye least sent expressly thither by the said deponent to trade & make sale of her Chargazon from ye Barbadoes which being deteined he by ye losse of his ship freigh & goods last above 1000 li sterling for his particular accompt And further he ye said Locke doth depose & affirme & I do hereby certifie as were knowing it to be true yt ye said deponent hath beene included in ye prison of Bristoll these 5 yeares at ye least to ye greate detriment of him the deponent & doth hitherto continue in restraint peculiarly for debt & noe other cause or subject what soever & ye said Deponent further Deposeth yt he hath beene sicke of late & vnder ye phisitions & Chirurgeons hands being wounded and hurt in ye service of ye parliament at ye seidge against Bristoll as absolutely made incapable & unfit to travaile vp to London All which on ye behalfe of ye said Richard Locke. I have thought fitt vppon his request & in favour vnto him to certifie Yeaven vnder my hand & seale of office the day of August Anno Domini 1654

Aldworth

Geo : Hellier Maior

ivitas ristoll

To all Christian people whome these presents may concerne I Geo : Hellier now Maior of ye Cittie of Bristoll send greeting Know yee yt on ye day of ye date hereof there came personally before mee in ye comon place of Audience called ye Tolzey of Bristoll Geo Whittington of Bristoll merchant sometimes a servant vnto Mr John Gouning now one of ye Aldermen of ye said Cittie of Bristoll of ye age of 30 yeares or thereaboutes & did depose & say ⟨*page 412*⟩ vppon his corporall Oath voluntary taken vppon ye holy Evangelists of God yt in ye moneth of January or February in the yeare of our Lord 1644 he the said Geo : Whittington he ship called ye Marigold of Bristoll of ye burden of 90 tons [of *struck through*] or thereaboutes of Aldermen Locke of Bristoll & others then owners of ye said ship then bound

George Whittington

on a voiadge from Bristol to Cadiz in Andalusia in ye Kingdome of Spaine there to take in her ladeing of wines & other goods & soe to returne backe vnto ye port of Bristoll In Consideracion whereof he ye said deponent Geo: Whittington was to give ye said owners of ye said Ship for freight of every ton she should carry ye same of 5 li 10 s currant mony of England for his Sallary (being a verry exessive rate) The said Owners to set forth and furnish ye ship compleately for such a voiage vizt Ordinantes etc but ye said Owners not being able to procure Gunns convenient for ye Ships vse according to their vndertakeings wanting two peeces of Ordinance to make vp ye number of 8 peeces promised by Charter partie to make vp ye proporcion which Alderman Locke aforesaid should have furnished for his quarter part as being then an Owner of a quarter part of ye said ship ye said Alderman Locke did authorize & require him ye said deponent Geo: Whittington to borrow & receive for his & ye ships use 2 verry good Iron Guns of Richard Locke of Bristoll merchant with their appurtenances as carriages tackles etc & faithfully promised vppon receipt of ye said Gunns to restore them safe & sound againe vnto ye said Richard Locke or be answerable for ye true valew of them vnto ye said Richard in case [their *struck through*] they were not [so restored *struck through*] soe restored him which said Gunns with their appurtenances vppon ye promise & condicion aforesaid he ye said deponent did receive of him ye said Richard Locke & did imbarque them on ye Marygold aforesaid & in Consideracion of ye use of them ye said Richard Locke was to have ten gallons of good Sacke given vnto him for his soe friendly a favour & curtesie shewen vnto Alderman Locke ⟨*page 413*⟩ And ye owners therein Alsoe he did further depose yt ye said 2 Gunns were ye best yt they had yt voiage in ye ship & were worth at least 40 li ye like Gunns could not then be procured for money & yt by ye blessing of god & ye haveing of of ye said Gunns they freed themselves from ye Turkes with whom they had a tedious and desperate fight. Likewise he did further depose yt he ye said Geo: Whittington did gratifie Mr Trethewe ye Lord Hoptons Secretary with 10 li to buy him a Suite of Satin alsoe Geo : Teague then a Cannonier with 3 li to buy him a paire of gloves besides other monies given amongst ye other Cannoniers for their assistance & consents in procureing two Gunns belonging to ye Marigold aforesaid which were amounted on ye workes of ye Cittie of Bristoll ye said Cittie being then one of ye Kings Guarrisons & he ye said Geo: Whittington did further depose

yt ye said Richard Locke did aboute six yeares past as well on ye Tolzey of Bristoll in ye presence of Mr. John Barker, Alderman Lock's sonne in Lawe as in severall other places & at other times did demand of Alderman Locke & ye said Geo Whittington his Gunns againe or satisfaccion for them being ye said Gunns were surprized with ye ship by ye parliament forces in ye River of Seaverne & both ship & goods carried for London & there adjudged a lawfull prize & lost All which on ye behalfe of ye said Richard Locke I have thought good vppon request to certifie yeoven vnder my hand and Seale of office this 19th day of August Anno Domini 1654 :

Aldworth

Geo: Hellier Maior

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Civitas Bristoll

Thomas Wickam

To all Christian people whome these presents may concerne I Geo Hellier Esqr. now Maior of the Citty of Bristoll send greeting know yee yt on ye day of ye date hereof there came personally before me in ye Comon place of Audience called ye Tolzey of Bristoll Tho Wickham of ye Cittie of Bristoll marriner aged 58 yeares or thereaboutes & did depose & say vppon his corporall Oath taken vppon ye Holy Evangelists of God that in ye moneth of January 1634 Richard Locke of ye said Cittie of Bristoll merchant did hier & freight ye ship Margret of Bristoll burthen 70 tons of Tho Taylor of ye Cittie of Bristoll Ropemaker & John Snow of ye said merchant [did hier & freight ye ship Margret of Bristol *struck through*] for 12 moneth voiage to be made by ye said ship from Bristoll to Youghall in Ireland from [there *struck through*] thence to ye Madera & after to St. Christophers one of ye Caribda Islands & soe backe vnto some part in Ireland or England for ye conclucion of ye voiage In Consideracion whereof ye said Richard Locke was to pay vnto ye owners of ye said ship for every monith she should serue in yt her voiage xxvi li per moneth for ye bare hull of ye Ship & therevppon ye said Richard Locke to this deponents knowledge did lade or imbarque on Board ye said Ship certaine Wines, fruite Bayes, Kersies[1] & other goodes accordinge to ye Bills of Ladeing & factory therein particularized & subscribed by ye Master ye value of 400 li or thereaboutes which said goods were all consigned vnto Hugh Hall a Cooper of ye said Cittie of Bristoll for sales & returnes who was

[1] Coarse narrow cloth woven from long wool and usually ribbed, perhaps named after Kersey in Suffolk where it was made.

deputed & tooke vppon him to be Master ⟨*page 415*⟩ And to leade & gouerne the said shipp which the said Hugh Hall did not onely soe indirectly performe but that to the knowledge of this[1] deponent he the said Hugh Hall did verry remissely & neglegently keepe & deteine the said shipp in the ports of Youghall in Ireland, and at the Madera neare eight monethes, But did fraudently and deceiptfully sell away the said Shipp and goods in St. Christophers and did after viciously consume and spend the proceed of the said Richard Locks goods and the said Shippe in riotous Company and by exorbitant and by dissolute courses not makinge any accompt of retorninge any parte of the proceed of the said Richard Locks goods: Wherevpon hee the said deponent being then Boateswain of a Shipp of Bristoll called the Henrietta Maria whereof Phillipp Cooke of the Citty of Bristoll aforesaid was then Master hee the said Hugh Hall vpon the 21th of August 1636: in the Roade of St. Christophers as knoweinge the said deponent to be a well wisher and well knowne to the said Richard Lock came vnto this deponent and delivered vnto him twoe rolls of St. Christophers Tobacco weighinge 100 li marked with the marke in the margent and marreld or bound vpp with spun yarne which hee this deponent on request of the said Hugh Hall did make vpp and did order the said deponent to deliver the said twoe rolls of tobacco as aforesaid vnto the said Richard Lock as a token of his respects and love vnto him togeather with the letter heerevnto annexed on board the hope of Vlushen in the Roade of St. Christophers aforesaid directed to the said Richard Lock which said letter is to the knowledge of the said deponent the same letter herevnder from the said Hugh Halls owne hand and noe other. And further hee this deponent saith that hee havinge att severall tymes by frequent conferences with the said Hugh Hall put him in minde of his fraudulent and iniurious dealinge with the said Richard Lock who was soe much his freind and was intrusted by him with the greatest parte of the said Richard Locks estate And that the said Richard Lock would not only bee inforced to pay the Shipps fraight being for att Least twelve moneths service and amountinge to 312 li but alsoe sued and compelled by the owners to pay for the Shipp etc being hee was answeerable for her and bound, and bound for the fraight and soe consequently the vndoeinge of the said Richard Lock hee the said Hugh Hall did earnestly begg and entreate the said deponent to satisfie and informe the said Richard Lock that hee

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[1] "this" *written over something struck through.*

should not bee dismaid neither doubt of his the said Hugh Hall's iust and vpright dealinge with the said Richard Lock confessinge that hee had a greate parte of the said Richard Locks estate in his hands amountinge to the value of 400 li att the least which was oweinge abroade in Tobacco And that soe soone as hee the said Hugh Hall could recover in the said tobaccos He the said Hugh Hall would send the said Richard Lock 40 or 50 thousand pounds weight of Tobacco by the first shipp that came from Bristoll ⟨*page 416*⟩ And would alsoe with all expedicion send the said Richard Lock home more tobacco to satisfie the freight of the Shipp and other demaunds of the Owners as soon as hee could gather it in. And further this deponent saith that the said Hugh Hall confessed and acknowledged that att that time when hee the said deponent receaved the letter from him that the said Hugh Hall had twoe hundred pounds of the said Richard Locks in ready money (viz peeces of eight of Spaigne which he the said Hugh Hall did intend to imploy in good tobacco and would lade att home with the rest of the tobacco by the first opportunity of freight, should prevent. And further hee deposeth not : All which etc with the Seale dated the fifth day of September in the yeare of our Lord God 1654

Mr Lock
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.W.Dorney

Henry
Stephens

From aboard the hope of Vlushen in the Road of St Christophers the 21th of August 1636

My love remembered etc I have sent you by Thomas Wickam Botswain of of ye Henrita Maria two rolles of good tobacco waighting one hundred & ten pounds marked with W.H. marrelled with spunn yarne and he hath promis me to deliver them to you, I am bound to ye Barbathos and some other Ilands to get sum Tobaccoes in and soe soone as I have received it doe intend to send you thirty thousand waight it may be bring a quantity my selfe or at lest send you a brace of hundred pounds starling, Straunge it is to me to have Checkes or Chaunts by any. he that comes from Bristoll to theis parts by your meanes true it is Mr Lock that I brought goods of yours and that you are engaged with me for ye freight but for the fraight pay not one peny for till such tyme as they have paid me for my hindrance, and for ropes sayles store and a Cable and many other things that they shuffled me away without, I have it formed by ye master and his mates and others that the ship was unsufficient before Christmas but if they will take what she was worth when she came from home they shall have it, in case ⟨*page 417*⟩ they seeke extremity

let them be served as you served my bill I send from Ireland, had that poore bill bin satisfied I had not bin here now, but for all mens speeches, and for all the scandals that can or may be spoken by me or iudged of me be you of good Comfort and feare not in case you are out three hundred and twenty pounds in goods and say you pay for the ship should I stay here or come home and have wherewith to satisfie you noe let me perish and all ye plagues & Curses of Egipt befall me, if I intend to wrong you or any hee in Bristoll of the value of Sixpence, by Mr Morgan, you shall heare more from me to whom I have related my minde and he will satisfie more at large my intents I have endeavoured to get somewhat here but have it lost, now god willings I will trye what may be done and be sure this, what comes you shall have your part, true it is I could send you home in Moneyes, and conserves the valeu of two hundred pounds or more, but I hope to make good vse of it and send you it home in good Tobacco, pray let Mr Payne have six pounds of ye Tobacco and your vncle some for a tast, and Mr Gowning if you please in case he drinks any, and let me entreat you to thinke on me as you have formerly, and I vow it shall not be thought amisse, I pray remember my love to your Mother your Wife your Vncle Locke Mr Gowning Mr Payne, and all those that longes to see me and wishes me well, soe at present Count you & yours to ye protection of ye Almighty and remaine

I pray remember my love to Mr Tilladdams and Mr Pownell and give them two pounds of ye Tobacco, soe god send vs a good meeting amen.

your debitor and ever loving friend to Comand
Hugh Hall

To my very loving friend Mr Richard Lock merchant these In Bristoll By Thomas Wickham in ye Henrietta maria whom god Conduct.

⟨Pages 418 and 419.⟩

1654 September 5. William Popely, soldier under the command of Colonel Preddy in Ireland, concerning death in arms near Grahamstown, of Wm. Harbert, formerly a Bristol butcher.

1654 September 6. William Ittere and Robert Merrick, ostlers at the Red Lyon, Redcliff Street, concerning stabling of two horses by Major Rickets and Mistress Davis, and their removal by George, an ostler at the Angell Inn.

1654 September 5. Henry Clarke, (prisoner in Newgate), concerning payment for keep of the illegitimate child of Mary Silcocke by John Harvard of Stapleton, to Henry Silcocke, tithing man of Stapleton.

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Charles Manson daniell Thomas Thomas Tuckey

Theis may signifie etc that on this instant 26th day of August 1654 Charles Manson of the Cittie of Bristoll Cooper aged 21 yeeres or thereaboutes and daniel Thomas of ye same citty marriner aged thirty fower yeeres and Thomas Tucky of ye same marriner aged 18 yeeres or thereabouts came personally etc and deposed etc The said Charles Manson deposed that about January last the ship Lionesse of Bristoll set saile from the port of Bristoll for Malaga, he ye said deponent being imploied as a Cooper aboard ye said ship & ye said deponent saith yt before they went ye voiage there was provision of victualls for 4 monethes for company of ye said ship aboard ye said ship ; & yt they had a continuall supply of fresh provision for ye company soe long as she stayed in this Port of Bristoll before she did set saile & yt notwithstanding their supply as aforesaid Michaell Diggins Master of the said ship before they set saile cause him ye said deponent to open ye said 4 monethes provisions & ye said Master recived ye same & did not mislike with ye provisions And this deponent further saith that the Master at Malago landed & there disposed of one Barrell of Beare 3 duzen of Fish 2 drafts of wood one bundle of hoops 3 peeces of Beefe 3 peeces porke & 15 pounds of Candles & 100 & a quarter of bread of ye said ships provisions soe yt they were necessitated through want of provision to be 13 weekes in their returne home.

⟨Pages 420 and 421.⟩

Further deposition by Daniel Thomas and Thomas Tuckey on the same matter.

1654 September 9. Francis Risby, victualler, concerning libellous statements made by John Trustrom, soapboiler, about Lawrence Gibbs, in the Blue Anchor on the Quay.

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In the Court of pleas held before ye Maior & Aldermen of Bristoll Munday the xlth day of September 1654

Meredith plaintiff
Hiscox defendant

Tho: Jefferis

Thomas Jefferis of the Cittie of Bristol Chirurgeon aged 26 yeares deposed yt in or aboute the moneth of March last this deponent being in the Island of Barbadoes at ye request of Mrs Mary Meredith widdow mother of ye plaintiff made enquiry there after the plaintiff & haveing met him there this deponent questioned with him touching his being there & with whome he lived he answered that he lived with one John George a planter of ye same Island and that he had beene transported over thiter by the defendant being then Carpenter in ye ship Dolphin of Bristoll & further saith that he was verry importunate with this deponent to procure his passage backe but this deponent saith that by the Lawes of the Iland this deponent would not presume to bring him of ye Iland without order And further this deponent saith that he vewed the said plaintiff & yt he had a wound on his head and there was ye signes of Lashes on his sides wherevppon this deponent pereceiveing that he had beene cruelly and savadgely delt with all asked of him how it came to passe who said that he had beene beaten by his Master.

Aldworth
Geo: Hellier Maior Thomas Jefferis

⟨*Pages 423 and 424.*⟩

1654 September 13. George Hellier, Mayor, concerning a certificate issued by him declaring that the merchandize shipped on the St. Peter of Bristol, (William Yeamans and John Bowen, owners) was laden by English merchants.

Further deposition by John Blanford, servant to William Yeamans, stating that he shipped the goods on the St. Peter of Bristol.

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Further deposition by Thomas Brian and John Tredwen on the same matter.

Thomas Brothers

These may signifie etc that on the instant 18th day of September 1654 Thomas Brothers of Deale in the County of Kent marriner

John Sheweld

aged 29 yeares or thereaboutes Cheife Masters mate of the ship Mary and Francis of London Burthen 160 Tons or thereaboutes (Renedicke Stanford being master of ye said ship) & John Sheweld of Deale aforesaid marriner aged 24 yeares or thereaboutes boatson of the same ship in her last voiage from London to Mallago came etc & did depose etc that about ye 10th day of Aprill last they set sayle from Mallago aforesaid homewards haueing a fayre wind in Company with the ship Lionesse of Bristoll burden 50 Tons or thereaboutes Mr. Michaell Diggins & on ye voiage ye company of ye same ship Mary Francis wanting provisions for ye said ship ye said Mr. Renedicke Stanford [ye *struck through*] desired the said Mr. Michael Diggins to spare 109 weight of Bread & 8 pounds of Candles for their supply otherwise they must have parted company but ye said Michael Diggins being verry unwilling to supply them at length by ye desire of his company consented to spare them ye same ⟨*page 426*⟩ and 4 lbs of ye Candles was allowed for the carrying ye lights soe as ye said Mr. Stanford would supply ye said Michael Diggins & Company out of the said ship Mary Francis with what he should want in ye same voiage & yt ye said ship Mary Francis should goe in Company in ye same voiage with ye said ship Lionesse & ye said deponents say that they consented hereunto & kept in company togeather some part of ye voiage & yt during ye same time ye ship Lionesse had been assaulted by a Flemish Frigot bearing aboute 29 guns & had probably beane taken had not they beene [a convey *struck through*] in Company togeather as aforesaid & further say ye said Mr. Stanford furnished ye said Michael Diggens & company with 12 lbs of fresh beefe & aboute 70 weight of Shot in [Leigh *struck through*] Lieue of ye said Bread & ye said deponents further say yt by ye reason of ye said ship Mary Francis was a slow sayler ye said ship Lionesse went before them & arrived at Bristoll about 10 dayes before ye said ship Mary Francis arrived at a port in Ireland where they were driven to put into victuall themselves being extreamely necessitated for want of provisions each man of ye said ship being allowed for 5 weekes onely 3 ounces of beefe & one biskay cake a day & yt 5 of ye same ships company died in ye same voiage & ye winds during their said voiage being contrary ye said ship Mary Francis was driven to put in to two ports for Victualls & were aboutes 15 weekes in ye said voiage from Malago to Ireland. All which etc.

Aldworth

Geo. Hellier Maior

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1654 September 21. Thomas Tayler, husbandman, and John Leveridge, yeoman, both of Weston-super-Mare, concerning twenty shillings which the said deponents gave to Robert Barrett, carrier, to be delivered to Thomas Jarvis in London.

1654 September 18. Arthur Hollester, gentleman, and Alexander Caro, Mariner, master and owner of the "Mary Ketch" of Bristol, concerning a bond between William Mathews and Lawrence Gibbs.

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1654 September 22. Thomas Robbins of the parish of St. George near Crockern Pill, merchant, concerning the selling of tobacco to John Tucker, Collector of Customs at Barnstaple, and Thomas Cox, an Officer in the Customs House at Barnstable.

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1654 September 23. Robert Cann, merchant, concerning the ownership of the ship "Spanish Horse" of the Isle of Man.

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19 September

A Certificate vnder ye Seale of Maioralty that Capt: Lattimore Sampson did seale a letter of Attorney in ye presence of ye maior etc Aldworth

Geo: Hellier Maior

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2d January

A letter of Health [for *struck through*] for ye fortune of Bristol of 150 tons with 12 persons to Lisboa in Portugall. Robert Digby marriner master.

The same day

A Certificate of transportacion for ye fortune laded with wheat & shott kersies of ye English growth

7th January

A letter of health for ye Rose of Bristoll; 10 persons to Lisboa in Portugall.

12 January

A letter of health in Lattin for ye John of Bristoll of 60 Tons to Fayall one of ye Azoar Islands in ye Kingdome of Portugall. James Buck master with 22 persons.

26 January

A letter of health for ye Samaritan of Bristoll burden 200 tons or thereabouts John Prince master to St. Sebastians in Biskay in ye dominions of ye king of Spain with 26 persons

A letter of transport of wheat pease beanes barley lead shot wosteed stockins tanned hides calveskins serges & wax English growth

16 March 1653

A letter of health for ye Hart of Bristoll of ye burden of 120 Tons or thereabouts Arthur Plomer master for St. Sebastians in ye dominion of ye king of Spain. Certificate for ye same laden with wheate Calveskins woosteed stockins bees wax bayes serges & haileshott[1] English growth and hides Irish etc ;

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The Eighteenth march 1653

A letter health pro Pearle of Bristoll 60 Tons or thereabouts John Baddam master 9 persons to Lisboa in Portugall A Certificate for her laded with serges Calveskins lead butter stockins Chees wheate. English growth.

The 6th Aprill

A letter health for ye dilligence Master William Flud marriner burden 150 Tons or thereabouts 28 persons to St. Sebastians in Biskay A Certificate for her lading. lead, shott, Calveskins, stockins Wax, stubbs, Butter, [Tanned hides *struck through*] English growth Tannd hides Irish.

The same day

A letter of health for ye St. Peter of Olona in France burden 100 Tons or thereabouts. Mr. Peter Morrineau marriner 28 persons bound from Bristoll to Newhaven in France

A letter of health for ye same ship by ye name of [yt *struck through*] ye Peter of Bristoll etc.

[1] Hail-shot. Small shot which scatters like hail when fired, as distinct from a ball or bullet.

26 May 1654

Certificate for ye Elizabeth [bu *struck through*] of Bristoll burden 50 ton laden with lead oare & shott to Bilbo in Spaine.

The 7th June

Letter health for ye King David of Bristoll burden 200 ton. 12 persons to Lixboa & St. inbus in Portugall.

22 July 1654

Letter health for ye Jonas of Bristoll burden 34 tons 7 persons to Lixboa in Portugall

3 August 54

Letter health for ye St. Peter of Bristoll Master Reece Jefferis burden[1] 90 Tons for Biskay in ye dominion of ye king of Spaine. Certificate for ye goods wheat, butter, sugar, Ginger, stockins & stubb nailes.

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30 dec[2]

th th · Edward Starr August 28th 1652

8th August

Letter health for ye John of Bristoll burden 100 Tons Walter Sherland master with 22 persons to Legorne or venice.
Letter health for ye fortune & Certificates the one to Cadiz or St. Lucar in Spaine ye other to Lixboa in Portugall. burden 140 Tons Wm Simons master with 14 persons. laden with shot lead butter Cottens serges bayes perpetuanas,[3] stockins Iron dry fish nayles.

17 August

letter health & [ye *struck through*] Certificate pro ye dilligence 25 persons master William Flud to Malaga in Spaine [25 p *struck through*] laden with butter Cheese Calveskins, serges, paragons,[4]

[1] "n" *missing, as corner of page is torn away.*

[2] Here follows a paragraph of unreadable abbreviations which has been struck through.

[3] A durable fabric of wool manufactured in England.

[4] A kind of heavy cloth, formerly used for garments and furnishing.

Cottons, Stockins, shot baies pipestaves wax & nailes
Letter health & certificate pro ye Hart burthen 120 Tons, 24 persons master Arthur Plomer for Malago & veales malago, laden with sarges stockins Calveskins, butter, beeswax, baies, shot.

Certificate pro ye Blew fortune of Amsterdam master Gerard Johnson 60 Persons to St Sebastians lead oare in Caske butter stockins, Tannd hides

25th August

Letter health & Certificate pro Samaritane Bristoll burden 200 Ton [pro *struck through*] master William Toza for Cadiz in Spain 20 persons. butter. haileshot : stockins & serges.

30th August :

Letter health & certificate Fellowship 160 Tons. 26 persons, Cadiz. Master Thomas Munday lead shot butter serges stockins Candles Calveskins bayes etc.

5th September :

Letter health & Certificate pro Dolphin of Bristol burden 160 Tons Matheras in dominion of ye King of Portugall master Richard Sullock : 22 persons baies serges Cottens broad cloth stockins kersies.

Letter health & Certificate : Liones of Bristol : 50 Ton : master Gregory Tilly. Lixboa & Pharo in Portugall 10 persons lead, shot. butter stockins serges, kersies, beere

Letter health pro Providence 100 Tons master John Jones 24 persons to marcellia

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Letter health & Certificate Good Indenture
Success 200 Ton master Richard pugsley
28 persons wheat Calveskins lead. Genoa
in Italy dominion king spaine

December 20th 1654

Letter health Mary Fortune
100 Tonn master Edmond Ditty
15 person : bound for [Geone *struck through*]
Genoa

[1] Page covered with numerous letters and scratchings as though writer had been trying out his pen.

APPENDIX

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

ALDWORTH, ROBERT, died 20th March, 1675.

Town Clerk, 1653–1675.[1]

Robert Aldworth was the son of Richard Aldworth, mercer, and was made a burgess on 24th January, 1645.[2] He married Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Hooke.[3] He was elected Town Clerk on 13th October, 1653, on the death of James Dyer.[4] He was a Member of Parliament for Bristol in 1654 and 1656. From deeds in the possession of the Corporation it appears that he owned property on the corner of Broad Street and Tower Lane.[5] He was buried in All Saints' Church.[6]

BEVAN, WILLIAM.

Councillor, 1644–1645.

Sheriff, 1644–1645.

Warden of the Merchant Venturers, 1644–1645.[7]

William Bevan, merchant, was apprenticed to Andrew Charlton, merchant, and was made a burgess on 13th August, 1639.[8] About December, 1646, he stated that he was captain of the trained bands for the defence of Bristol when held against Parliament, but that he laid down arms ten months before Sir

[1] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 234.
[2] *Burgess Books*, *04359* (*2*)*a*, fo. 332.
[3] *T.C.D.*, *09459*(*3*).
[4] *C.C.P.*, *04264*(*5*), fo. 54.
[5] *T.C.D.*, *09459*(*3*).
[6] *Jefferies Collection*, vol. iv, p. 348.
[7] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 278.
[8] *Burgess Books*, *04359*(*2*), fo. 281.

Thomas Fairfax entered the city. He claimed to have advanced a large proportion of the £6,000 presented to Fairfax for payment of his soldiers. He had taken the National Covenant and Negative Oath and begged to compound for delinquency.[1]

CANN, ROBERT, died November, 1685.

Councillor, 1649–1685.
Alderman, 1663–1685 (St. Nicholas).
Sheriff, 1651–1652.
Mayor, 1662–1663, 1675–1676.
Master of the Merchant Venturers, 1658–1659
Treasurer of the Merchant Venturers, 1653–1654.
M.P. for Bristol, 1678–1680.
Knighted, 1662.
Baronet, 1662.[2]

Robert Cann was the son of William Cann, merchant, and was made a burgess on 5th December, 1646.[3] He was married twice, his first wife was Cicely, daughter of Humphrey Hooke, and his second wife, Ann, daughter of Sir Derrick Poppeley.[4]

CANN, WILLIAM, died March, 1657/8.

Councillor, 1632–1658.
Alderman, 1648–1658 (St. Thomas).
Sheriff, 1635–1636.
Mayor, 1648–1649.
Master of the Merchant Venturers, 1645–1646.
Treasurer of the Merchant Venturers, 1641–1642.[5]

[1] *C.S.P.* (*Domestic*), *Committee for Compounding, etc.*, Part II, p. 1555.
[2] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 281.
[3] *Burgess Books*, *04359(2)a*, fo. 345.
[4] *Jefferies Collection*, vol. xi, p. 47.
[5] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 281.

William Cann was made a burgess on 7th August, 1620, because he married Margaret, daughter of Robert Yeamans, merchant.[1]

CHETWYND, WILLIAM.

Chamberlain, 1639–1651.[2]

William Chetwynd, merchant, was apprenticed to John Barker, merchant, and made a burgess on 4th July, 1618.[3] He was elected Chamberlain on 16th October, 1639,[4] and removed from office immediately by order of the King. As a result of a successful petition from the Council, he was restored to office on 17th December, 1639.

COLSTON, THOMAS.

Councillor, 1629–1645.

Alderman, 1645 (St. Nicholas).

Sheriff, 1629–1630.

Master of Merchant Venturers, 1644–1645.

Treasurer of Merchant Venturers, 1634–1635.[5]

Thomas Colston was the son of Richard Colston. He was made a burgess on 28th October, 1617.[6] He was a royalist and colonel of the trained bands, but was one of the first to compound for his delinquency.[7]

[1] *Burgess Books, 04359(2)*, fo. 110.

[2] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 235.

[3] *Burgess Books, 04359(2)a*, fo. 93.

[4] *C.C.P., 04264(3)*, fo. 95.

[5] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 283.

[6] *Burgess Books, 04359(2)*, fo. 89.

[7] *C.S.P. (Domestic), Committee for Compounding, etc.*, Part II, p. 1191.

CRESWICK, HENRY, died 28th September, 1668.

Councillor, 1643–1645, 1660–1668.

Alderman, 1661–1663 (Maryleport); 1663–1668 (St. Ewen).

Sheriff, 1643–1644.

Mayor, 1660–1661.

Master of the Merchant Venturers, 1660–1662.

Treasurer of the Merchant Venturers, 1647-1648.[1]

Henry Creswick was the eldest son of Francis Creswick and was apprenticed to Richard Long, merchant, on 2nd February, 1631.[2] He was made a burgess on 14th August, 1639.[3] He was knighted in 1663. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Humphrey Hooke, and had two sons, Francis and Humphrey, and four daughters, Ann, Elizabeth, Hester and Florence. He was buried in St. Werburgh's Church with his father, Francis Creswick.[4]

CROFT, JAMES.

Councillor, 1645–1661.

Sheriff, 1650–1651.

Warden of the Merchant Venturers, 1646–1647.

Treasurer of the Merchant Venturers, 1648–1649.[5]

James Croft was the son of John Croft of Aymesbury in Hereford, knight, and was apprenticed to Richard Holworthy on 11th March, 1621.[6] He was made a burgess on 17th November, 1631.[7]

[1] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 284.

[2] *Apprentice Books, 04352(5)*, fo. 202.

[3] *Burgess Books, 04359(2)*, fo. 281.

[4] *T.C.D., 206(17)f.*

[5] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 248.

[6] *Apprentice Books, 04352(4)*, fo. 257.

[7] *Burgess Books, 04359(2)*, fo. 210.

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DEYOS, WALTER, died September, 1658.

Councillor, 1637–1658.
Alderman, 1655–1658 (Trinity).
Sheriff, 1639–1640.
Mayor, 1655–1656.
Warden of the Merchant Venturers, 1642–1643.
Treasurer of the Merchant Venturers, 1644–1645.[1]

Walter Deyos was the son of William Deyos and was apprenticed to George Knight, mercer, on 8th February, 1609.[2] He was made a burgess on 27th August, 1621.[3]

DYER, JAMES, died 1653.

James Dyer was elected Town Clerk on 29th March, 1620, on the recommendation of the Earl of Arundel. He was not a burgess of Bristol, being a law student from London.[4]

HELLIER, GEORGE, died 21st April, 1656.

Councillor, 1636–1656.
Alderman, 1654–1656 (Redcliff).
Sheriff, 1638–1639.
Mayor, 1653–1654.[5]

George Hellier was the son of George Hellier of Wickwar, Gloucestershire, clothier, and was apprenticed to Richard Challoner, merchant, on 6th February, 1611.[6] He was made a

[1] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 286.
[2] *Apprentice Books*, *04352(14)*, fo. 4.
[3] *Burgess Books*, *04359(2)*, fo. 117.
[4] *C.C.P.*, *04264(2)*, fo. 96.
[5] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 294.
[6] *Apprentice Books*, *04352(4)*, fo. 37.

burgess on 20th October, 1621.[1] By his will, he left £20 to St. Thomas' parish, the profits of which to be distributed among the poor, and a further 10 shillings for a sermon to be preached yearly.[2]

JACKSON, JOSEPH, died 5th January, 1661.

Councillor, 1638–1662.

Alderman, 1646–1662 (St. Michael).

Sheriff, 1642–1643.

Mayor, 1651–1652.

Master of the Merchant Venturers, 1647–1648, 1653–1658.

M.P. for Bristol, 1659.[3]

Joseph Jackson was the son of Miles Jackson, merchant, to whom he was apprenticed on 26th October, 1620.[4] He was made a burgess on 1st July, 1630.[5] He owned property in Small Street and St. Nicholas' Street.[6] By his will dated 31st December, 1661,[7] he left money to his four sisters and to his grandchildren.

JACKSON, MILES, died 1662.

Councillor, 1631–1662.

Alderman, 1650–1662 (Maryleport) and (St. Ewen).

Sheriff, 1631–1632.

Mayor, 1649–1650.

Master of the Merchant Venturers, 1650–1651.

M.P. for Bristol, 1654–1655.[8]

Miles Jackson was the son of Miles Jackson, gentleman, and was apprenticed to Thomas Davis, merchant, on 25th March,

[1] *Burgess Books, 04359(2)*, fo. 115.
[2] Manchee, *Bristol Charities*, vol. ii, p. 343.
[3] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 297.
[4] *Apprentice Books, 04352(4)*, fo. 228.
[5] *Burgess Books, 04359(2)*, fo. 193.
[6] *T.C.D., 09457(1–3)*.
[7] *Register Book of Wills*, vol. ii, pp. 214–220.
[8] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 297.

1608.[1] He was made a burgess on 22nd April, 1615.[2] He lived in a house in Small Street where Cromwell was entertained in 1649.[3] He left his garden in Temple Street, the profits from which to be distributed to the poor of St. James' parish.[4]

LANE, GEORGE.

Councillor, 1645–1661.

Sheriff, 1651–1652.

Warden of the Merchant Venturers, 1629–1630, 1647–1648.

Treasurer of the Merchant Venturers, 1652–1653.[5]

George Lane was the son of George Lane, merchant, and was made a burgess on 2nd December, 1626.[6]

LOCKE, RICHARD.

Richard Locke was the son of Roger Locke, gentleman, and was apprenticed to John Barker on 8th January, 1623.[7] He was made a burgess on 1st February, 1631.[8]

PARKER, TIMOTHY.

Councillor, 1656–1661.

Sheriff, 1659–1660.[9]

Timothy Parker was apprenticed to John Sneed and was made a burgess on 16th May, 1644. He was a linen draper.[10] By his

[1] *Apprentice Books, 04352(3)*, fo. 249.
[2] *Burgess Books, 04359(2)*, fo. 66.
[3] *C.C.P., 04264(4)*, fo. 196.
[4] Manchee, *Bristol Charities*, vol. i, p. 427.
[5] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 299.
[6] *Burgess Books, 04359(2)*, fo. 160.
[7] *Apprentice Books, 04352(4)*, fo. 300.
[8] *Burgess Books, 04359(2)*, fo. 212.
[9] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 304.
[10] *Burgess Books, 04359(2)*, fo. 323.

will dated 1681, he left £10 to the parish of St. Nicholas and £5 to the parish of St. Philip and Jacob for the distribution of bread to the poor.[1]

Pope, John.

Councillor, 1646–1663.

Alderman, July–September, 1663 (St. Michael).

Sheriff, 1653–1654.

Mayor, 1663 (declined).

Warden of the Merchant Venturers, 1661–1662.[2]

John Pope was the son of Michael Pope, soap maker, to whom he was apprenticed on the 27th October, 1630.[3] He was made a burgess on 15th December, 1637.[4] He died 11th February, 1667, aged 51, and was buried in St. Thomas' Church. His will was proved 15th April, 1668.[5]

Tocknell, Walter, died 1682.

Coroner, 1650–1682.[6]

Walter Tocknell was the son of Edward Tocknell of Painswick, Gloucestershire, gentleman, and was apprenticed to Nathaniel Butcher, merchant, on 30th July, 1624.[7] He was made a burgess on 7th May, 1636.[8] He was elected one of the Coroners on 3rd September, 1650.[9]

[1] Manchee, *Bristol Charities*, vol. ii, pp. 174, 281.
[2] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 305.
[3] *Apprentice Books*, *04352(5)a*, fo. 165.
[4] *Burgess Books*, *04359(2)a*, fo. 261.
[5] *B.G.A.S.*, vol. lxv, p. 8.
[6] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 236.
[7] *Apprentice Books*, *04352(4)*, fo. 315.
[8] *Burgess Books*, *04359(2)*, fo. 247.
[9] *C.C.P.*, *04264(5)*, fo. 11.

VICKRIS, ROBERT.

Councillor, 1650–1662.

Sheriff, 1656–1657.

Master of the Merchant Venturers, 1669–1670.

Treasurer of the Merchant Venturers, 1656–1657.[1]

Robert Vickris was the son of Robert Vickris of Bewdley, Worcestershire, gentleman, and was apprenticed to Thomas Jackson on 1st August, 1637.[2] He served his apprenticeship as an ironmonger and was made a burgess on 10th November, 1648.[3] He was appointed a captain of the trained bands in April, 1665.[4]

WHITSON, CHRISTOPHER, died May, 1638.

Councillor, 1611–1638.

Alderman, 1629–1638 (Temple).

Sheriff, 1613–1614.

Mayor, 1626–1627.[5]

Christopher Whitson was the son of Henry Whitson of Newland, Gloucestershire, and was apprenticed as a mercer to Christopher Woodward on 10th October, 1570.[6] He was made a burgess on 15th April, 1577.[7] From deeds in the Corporation Archives, he owned land at Charlton in the parish of Henbury.[8]

[1] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 311.
[2] *Apprentice Books*, *04352(5)*, fo. 371.
[3] *Burgess Books*, *04359(2)*, fo. 370.
[4] *C.C.P.*, *04264(5)*, fo. 8.
[5] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 313.
[6] *Apprentice Books*, *04352(2)*, fo. 50.
[7] *Burgess Books*, *04359(1)*, fo. 78.
[8] *T.C.D.*, *Gifts*, *09808(1)b*, *93(3)p*.

WRIGHT, JOHN, died September, 1672.

Councillor, September–October, 1645 (not sworn); 1661–1672.

Alderman, 1669–1672 (St. Ewen).

Sheriff, 1662–1663.[1]

John Wright, merchant, was the son of Ralph Wright, linen draper, and was made a burgess on 5th November, 1642.[2]

YATE, ROBERT, died 31st December, 1682.

Councillor, 1643–1661.

Alderman, 1658–1661 (Trinity).

Sheriff, 1648–1649.

Master of the Merchant Venturers, 1656–1657.

Treasurer of the Merchant Venturers, 1649–1650.[3]

Robert Yate was made a burgess on 30th October, 1639, because he married Mary, the daughter of William Cann.[4]

YEAMANS, ROBERT, died February, 1686/7.

Councillor, 1661–1687.

Alderman, 1672–1687 (St. Thomas).

Sheriff, 1662–1663.

Mayor, 1669–1670.

Master of the Merchant Venturers, 1662–1663.

Knighted, 1663.

Baronet, 1666.[5]

[1] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 314.
[2] *Burgess Books*, *04359(2)*, fo. 316.
[3] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 314.
[4] *Burgess Books*, *04359(2)*, fo. 284.
[5] Beavan, *Bristol Lists*, p. 315.

Robert Yeamans was the son of John Yeamans, brewer, and was made a burgess on 11th November, 1643.[1] He was buried in St. Mary Redcliffe Church.[2] He gave £50 to the parish of St. Mary Redcliffe, the profits of which to be distributed among the poor.[3]

[1] *Burgess Books, 04359(2)*, fo. 320.

[2] *Gloucestershire Notes and Queries*, vol. v, p. 307.

[3] Manchee, *Bristol Charities*, vol. ii, p. 79.

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